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NORMAN THOMAS —DO YOU BACK A STRIKEBREAKER

Browder Asks Some Pertinent Question on Cannon

By EARL BROWDER

In the name of the Socialist Party of California, the Trotskyite James Cannon has issued the most shameful strikebreaking attack against Harry Bridges, the leader of the Pacific Maritime Federation.

Among the maritime workers of the Pacific Coast there is no need for us to come to the aid of Harry Bridges against this scandalous attack. They know Bridges through years of struggle and victory. They learned to trust him, and to rely upon him in the most difficult times. Every new experience has increased their confidence in him.

But when the name of the Socialist Party is used to do this work of the open-shop employers of the Pacific Coast, at a time when we of the Communist Party are urging a united front with the Socialist Party, then the odium which Cannon's strikebreaking brings upon the Socialist Party reflects upon us also, and demands from us the most forceful protest.

We must make it clear, that when we call upon the Socialist Party for a united front, we

Engineers Assn. In Tentative Accord; Wont Ballot Yet

(See other pages for further
Strike News)

SAN FRANCISCO — Shippers on Monday rejected the ILA proposal for \$1 an hour, \$1.50 overtime, with straight time to be worked the first six hours between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

LOS ANGELES.—Los Angeles labor and big sections of the public are preparing for the second giant public mass meeting under the auspices of the Joint Strike Committee.

The meeting will be held Feb. 7, at Olympic Auditorium, 18th and Grand Sts. Admission will be free.

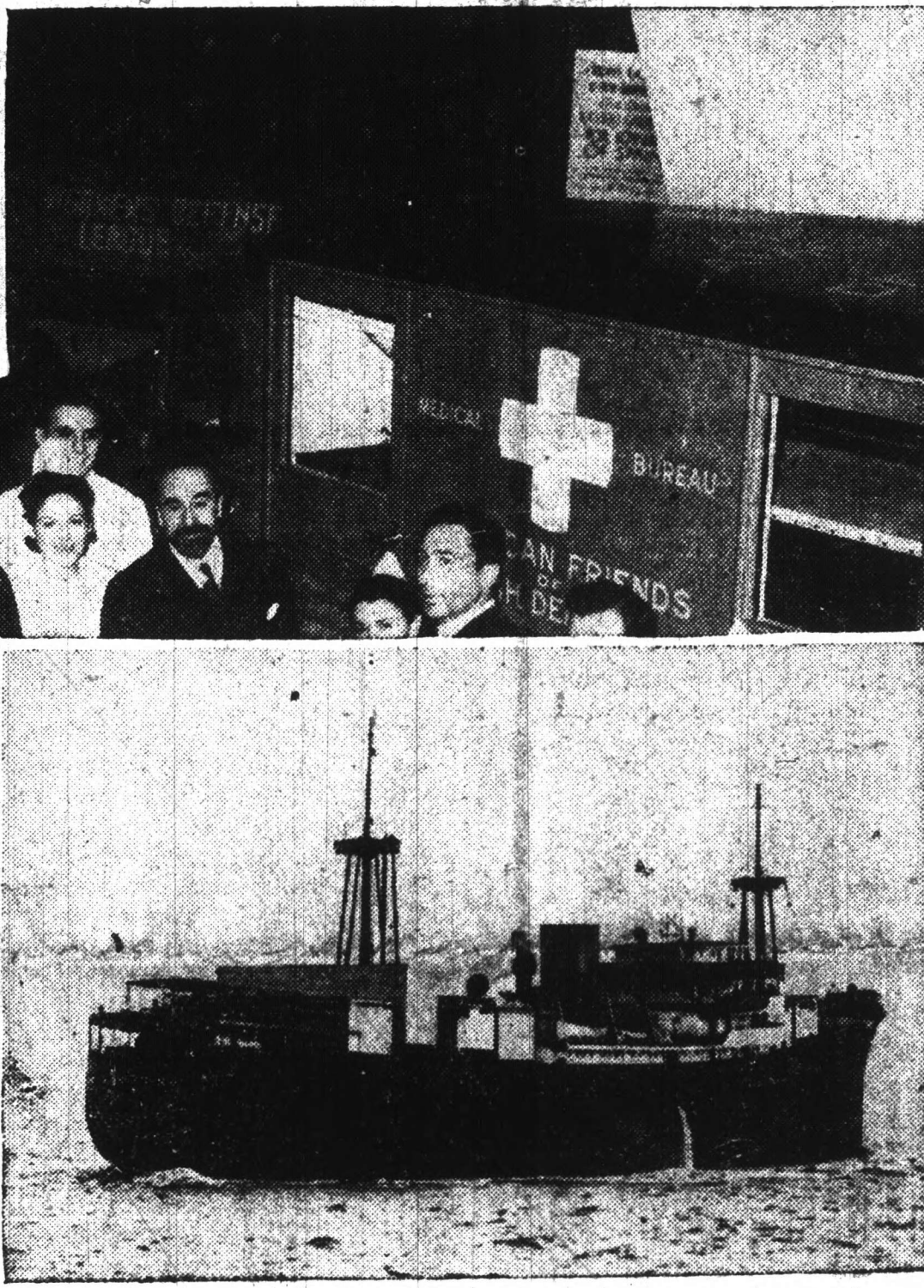
Featured speakers will be Harry Bridges, Mayor John Dore of Seattle, and Vito Marcantonio, New York congressman. Lewis Browne, prominent liberal leader, will be chairman.

5000 Hear Bridges in Portland
PORTLAND, Ore.—Civic Auditorium was jammed full, as 5000 people heard Harry Bridges explain the maritime strike issues last Thursday. Shipowners refused to send a speaker. Mayor Carson also spoke.

In Bakersfield the Central Labor Council is sponsoring a huge mass meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at which maritime strike leaders will speak.

SAN FRANCISCO.—A special

Food, Clothing, Medicine, Right to Buy Arms, for Spain



E. BAY UNIONS VOTE TO HAVE LABOR SLATES!

Committee to Report Back Jan. 30 on Candidates

OAKLAND — Oakland and Berkeley will have labor's own candidates on the ballot at this spring's municipal elections, decided Labor's Non-Partisan Political Federation of Alameda County, at a conference at the Labor Temple here last Saturday night.

The resolution for independent political action was carried by an 80-to-1 vote, and a policy committee of 17 was elected to recommend union men or women for candidates. Most important positions open at the Oakland municipal election will be on the City Council and Board of Education.

The group, composed of delegates from practically every union in Alameda County, will meet again January 30 to hear the committee's recommendations.

George Gaillac, Electrical Workers' Union, presided as chairman.

"This never has been done before,"

ROSSI FINDING OUT ITS NOT A "FORMALITY"

SAN FRANCISCO — Reactionary labor officials are said to have assured Mayor Rossi that passage of the resolution in the Labor Council condemning the Mayor's attack on the maritime strike would only be a formality.

Things didn't turn out that way, however, and organized labor is thoroughly aroused at the Mayor's recent strike-breaking speech over the radio. So is the public, as a deluge of telegrams show.

\$100,000 RAISED Vets Flay Fascist IN USA BY SPAIN School Propaganda DELEGATION

Technicians Flow In To Give Service To People

NEW YORK — The speaking tour in 43 U. S. and Canadian cities by Marcelino Domingo, Isabel de Palencia and Father Luis Sarasola, delegates from Spain, realized \$100,000 for Spanish relief, according to preliminary reports. The delegates spoke to 250,000 persons.

NEW YORK—A steady flow of technicians volunteering to go to Spain is reported at the new headquarters of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, Room 70, 31 E. 27th St., New York City. Skilled personnel for heavy industry, particularly automobile and electricity, are needed to enable Spain to compete with Nazi mechanization and release men from the battle front.

Musicians Give \$500 To Maritime Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Musicians Union has donated \$500 to the maritime strike. The Webb Pressmen, Local 4, are giving \$100 a week, and Cooks Local 44 has donated \$250 to the strike of the maritime workers.

Vets Flay Fascist School Propaganda

SAN FRANCISCO.—Aroused by reports that children in Italian language schools here are being taught pro-Mussolini fascist propaganda, the Seventh District of the American Legion has adopted a resolution demanding an investigation.

The resolution further demands that foreign language schools be supervised by the Board of Education. The resolution charges "Department of Italians Abroad," which is part of the Mussolini government.

Delegates from 18 San Francisco posts compose the Seventh District. The District's action followed a charge made by the Foreign Service Post.

The Legion's San Francisco County Council was asked to take similar action.

WHAT ABOUT PUNISHING VIGILANTES?

SACRAMENTO—A bill introduced into the Legislature by Ernest D. Voigt (Dem., Los Angeles) calls for a death sentence to kidnappers who inflict bodily harm on their victims.

Needless to say, the bill does not include vigilantes, such as those in Santa Rosa, who kidnapped two progressive unionists and tarred, feathered and beat them.

56 Unions, 6 Central Labor Bodies at Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — More than 250 delegates, representing over a quarter of a million California people, gathered at the People's State Legislative Conference here Saturday and Sunday, hammered out a program of labor and social legislation, and set up an apparatus to guard the legislative interests of the people during the present session of the state legislature.

Outstanding among the decisions adopted by the Conference was that which called upon state legislators who were either delegates or guests of the Conference to form a progressive bloc, regardless of party affiliation, in order to work for the adoption of the Conference program and to maintain working contact with the State Executive Committee of the Conference.

Although major emphasis of the Conference was laid upon the adoption of vital pro-labor and pro-people's bills, the State Executive Committee, through its legislative representative, was instructed to bring pressure to bear upon both houses to insure the defeat of pending anti-labor legislation introduced by open-shop interests.

Six Central Labor Bodies
Six central Labor Councils were represented through delegates: Alameda, Santa Clara, San

ILA HEAD CALLS FOR WIDE AID TO END ANTI-PICKET

Schmidt Points to the Vital Importance to Labor

SAN FRANCISCO — Participation in the campaign to repeal the 20-year-old San Francisco anti-picket law has been urged by Henry Schmidt, president of ILA Local 38-79.

Schmidt's appeal to members of the maritime unions applies to members of all unions and citizens in general. His appeal states:

"There will be a special election held in the city of San Francisco on March 2, 1937, at which you will be given an opportunity to kill the anti-picketing ordinance. The anti-picketing ordinance has been in existence since 1916 and was passed."

2700 in Sardine Strike, Monterey

MONTEREY—Fishermen, who last week affiliated with the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union of the ISU, have struck here, tying up all fishing and canning.

700 fishermen on 60 boats and 2000 cannery workers in 11 sardine plants are affected. Demands are for uniform pay on boats and in canneries, overtime pay, union recognition. A minimum of 45 cents an hour for women in the canneries and 50 cents for men is asked. Both cannery workers and fishermen are in the AFL.

TROTSKYITES IN SOCIALIST PARTY AID SPAIN FASCISTS

(AN EDITORIAL)

READ the following statement: "Many of them (peasants) are in the Fascist armies and would immediately go over to the defense of Madrid if they really had something to fight for . . . (the Spanish People's Front Government) is a capitalist government and opposed to the interests of the Spanish people." Who do you think wrote that? Hearst? A Nazi? A Blackshirt? You're wrong! It came from a leaflet issued by the Trotskyites in the name of the Socialist Party of Los Angeles, distributed at a mass meeting for the Spanish People's Front delegation.

Such outrageous attacks on the Spanish People's Front, while it fights on the barricades against Fascism, with backs to the wall, are aiding General Franco, Hitler, and Mussolini just as surely and effectively as if the Trotskyites were fighting in the Fascist armies of Franco against the Spanish people. This is only one of numerous examples of the traitorous, counter-revolutionary role of the Trotskyite renegades who have wormed their way into the Socialist Party and are rapidly wrecking it.

It was this traitorous role which helped Fascism, which forced the Socialist Party of France to expel the Trotskyites; which forced the Catalan People's Front Government to expel and denounce the Trotskyites as betrayers.

Spanish Fascists Trapped by Blast

(More Spanish News On Page 6)

MADRID—Exploding a dynamite mine which destroyed key Fascist positions in the right wing of the Clinic Hospital, government militia trapped a large force of Fascist soldiers on an upper floor.

The militia took possession of the battered lower floors, and also pushed operations in other sections of University City.

Guerrilla warfare against the Fascists from the rear, was developing on large scale proportions, according to reports here by the ministry of the interior, that 2800 government sympathizers have risen against the Fascists in Caeres Province, on the Portuguese border.

The government troops of Caeres held well-entrenched positions, and repulsed three Fascist assaults with heavy losses. Fascist armies were reported

DELAY COPELAND CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON — After a march in Washington, the East Coast seamen's delegation was assured by Secy. of Labor Perkins that she would recommend immediate passage of a congressional resolution to suspend operation of the Copeland Act for six months.

WASHINGTON—The Department of Commerce has postponed issuance of certificates of service under the Copeland Act until Feb. 20. This is undoubtedly the result of indignation by seamen and the presence of delegations from the East and West Coasts to fight for amending the Copeland Act.

MEMORIALS TO HONOR LENIN

Speakers To Tell What Lenin Is to U. S.

What Leninism means in bettering working and living conditions for American working people will be outlined at six Lenin Memorial meetings this week throughout California. Half of the collections made at these meetings will go to swell the drive for \$12,000 for the WESTERN WORKER.

Wm. Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will speak in San Francisco on "The New Soviet Constitution" next Saturday, January 23rd, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium. A water-

American Hospital Unit Sails To Aid Spanish Govt.

NEW YORK.—To the aid of Spanish democracy sailed the first American surgical unit and ambulance corps, aboard the French liner Paris, last Saturday. The unit consisted of 70 men and women, four ambulances, \$30,000 worth of medical supplies, and other equipment for a 50-bed hospital.

The Western Worker Drive

THESE UNIONISTS VALUE WESTERN; HOW ABOUT COMMUNIST UNITS?

SHALL WE TELL you a few incidents regarding the WESTERN WORKER in the past few weeks, let you in on a few secrets?

In a certain Central Labor Council in this state, where a delegate read a Western Worker clipping which exposed a discredited reactionary, one delegate jumped up and said: "If that's the kind of a paper it is, I'm going to subscribe for it." Two delegates subscribed on the spot.

The head of a new union in a Northern California county has just sent in his subscription to the WESTERN WORKER. He finds the paper indispensable, besides being the only paper in the state consistently speaking for all progressive measures.

The editor of a labor paper in this state told the Building Trades Council in his locality that they'd have to read the WESTERN WORKER as one of the few papers giving the real maritime strike news.

Attempts to bar the WESTERN WORKER, by reactionaries in two unions—the Marine Cooks and the Marine Firemen—were overwhelmingly voted down, which constituted a vote of confidence in the Western Worker by the members.

That's what the WESTERN WORKER has begun to mean to progressives in the organized labor movement.

Yet we are forced to report an alarming situation in the Workers' Press Sustaining Fund Drive for 1937. Five weeks left—and less than 30 per cent of the funds raised in the \$12,000 drive!

Does it mean that Communist Party members, Communist units in California don't agree with the progressive trade unionists mentioned above in regard to the importance of the WESTERN WORKER?

We don't believe that. Get into the drive now, every Communist and Communist unit, with full force.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 21, VOTE YES ON REPEAL OF SAN FRANCISCO'S VICIOUS ANTI-PICKET LAW IN MAR. 2 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

I.L.A. STRIKE COMMITTEE HITS A.F.L. COUNCIL STRIKEBREAKING IN AUTO; VANDELEUR DODGES IT

Important Issue of Organization of Mass Production Industries Near Show-Down in San Francisco Labor Council

SAN FRANCISCO—The all important issue of organization of the mass production industries along industrial union lines, and the whole CIO issue with it, almost came to a show-down at the San Francisco Central Labor Council meeting last Friday night.

A resolution passed by the I.L.A. Local 38-79 strike committee and condemning the AFL Executive Council for ordering craft union members to scab on the General Motors strike in Flint, was introduced into the Council, and I.L.A. delegate Schmidt moved concurrence.

President Vandeleur ordered the resolution referred to the law and legislative committee. Another reactionary, Andy Gallagher of the Photo-Engravers, didn't agree with Vandeleur however.

Gallagher shouted that "we might as well face this issue right now." He proposed that the resolution be filed, which would have placed the Council on the side of the Executive Council against the CIO campaign to organize the automobile and other mass production industries on an industrial union basis.

Vandeleur's Diplomacy
Vandeleur ruled Gallagher's amendment out of order, and Gallagher appealed the chair's ruling, which was sustained on a roll call vote. The matter now goes to the Council's law and legislative committee.

"I recognize the desire of the chair to be diplomatic but I propose to meet this issue of condemnation of the AFL right here and now," Gallagher said.

The resolution of the I.L.A. strike committee stated that the ordering of craft union members through the United Auto Workers' picket line is "tantamount to strikebreaking."

Typical Cases
It was established that this man and his wife were typical cases among hundreds in Sacramento.

The Workers' Alliance proved that more rent could be paid, food increased, clothes bought by the SRA, but the Administration tried to whitewash the housing of these workers in cellars with the excuse that houses could not be gotten in Sacramento, due to housing shortage. This the Alliance immediately proved to be incorrect.

The SRA officials agreed to pay more rent if necessary, and stated if the workers living in these slums would find better homes, the SRA would pay the rent. They agreed to give the workers dental care. On the question of paying for clothes for the unemployed, they first tried to prove that the unemployed should be satisfied with madeover clothes given by the charities. Of course this was definitely rejected by the Alliance, which demanded that SRA pay for new clothes. Finally this was agreed to. However, owing to the fact that many of the unemployed are union men, and union principles are that workers should always wear nothing but union made clothes, and that such clothes sometimes were higher in price than the ordinarily shoddy and cheap shoes paid for by the SRA, it

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in the midst of the life-and-death struggle in Spain.

And now, to repair their sagging fences, the Trotskyites in California have started a big ballyhoo campaign for enlistment for Spain, which may trap some honest anti-Fascists who are unaware of their role. Eugene V. Debs, whose glorious name has been usurped by the Trotskyites for the so-called Debs Brigade, would turn over in his grave if he knew how it was being used to cloak their attacks on the Spanish People's Front.

We greet the desire of many workers and anti-Fascists to join the International Column which has already made history in the defense of Madrid. But is it possible to believe that the Trotskyites who are daily attacking the People's Front of Spain, are interested in aiding that People's Front? Are they raising funds to fight the Fascists in Spain, or to fight the Spanish People's Front, which represents the overwhelming majority of the Spanish people, the workers, the peasants, the middle classes, and includes in the united front, the Socialist Party of Spain, the Communist Party, the trade unions, the Syndicalists, and all defenders of democracy and foes of Fascism. If, according to the Trotskyites, Spanish workers and peasants are in the Fascist armies because they have "nothing to fight for" if the Spanish Front Government is a "capitalist government opposed to the interests of the Spanish people," then who would the Trotskyites suggest that the Debt bri-

gade fight for, and whom to fight against?
The much-advertised enlistment campaign, and the manner in which it is conducted, has already caused incalculable harm to the cause of the Spanish people, and has played into the hands of the reactionaries of this country, thus rendering more difficult the task of rendering genuine aid to Spanish democracy and its defenders.

And can any sincere Socialist and anti-Fascist accept with anything but contempt, the vile slanders by the Trotskyites in the Socialist press of the Soviet Union and its people, without whose aid the Fascist hordes of Hitler and Mussolini and Franco might already have been victorious in Spain. Listen to what the Socialist Premier, Largo Caballero, head of the Spanish People's Front Government, said in the name of the Spanish people, in a message of New Year's greetings to the Soviet Union:

"The Spanish working-class is forever united with the Russian workers. We will never forget the solidarity of the Soviet workers with us in this difficult time. The proletariat of Spain will always strive during the war and after the war is over to follow the example of your great country."

For the Communist Party, the urgent need for mobilizing all possible support and aid to Spanish democracy is not a newly-discovered task. For months, from the very beginning, we have been conducting such a campaign. The Communist Party has made repeated appeals to the Socialist Party for a united front in defense of Spanish de-

WARNS HITLER



FOREIGN MINISTER Yvon Delbos of the Blum government in France, who warned Hitler to stop movement of Nazi troops to Spain and Morocco.

Progressives Back Shelley, Schmidt And Dillon in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Lawrence Palacios may withdraw as candidate for vice-president, and E. F. Dillon as candidate for secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council. Dillon is a candidate for international vice-president of the Machinists and would not be able to fill both posts if elected.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nominations for 1937 officers of the San Francisco Labor Council, opened last Friday night, saw John Shelley, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers so far unopposed for president, to succeed Ed Vandeleur, who will not run for re-election.

Shelley, who was nominated by Dan Murphy of the Pressmen, was seconded by Burke of the Pressmen, Goldblatt of the Warehousemen and Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers.

For vice-president, nominations so far made are Henry Schmidt, president of I.L.A. Local 38-79; Lotty of the Chauffeurs, and Pallacios of the Laundry Workers.

Only two nominations for secretary were made Friday—John O'Connell, reactionary incumbent, and Ed Dillon, of the Machinists, a progressive.

Nominations were also opened for members of the executive board, organizing board, and other committees.

Progressives have been urged to back Shelley, Schmidt, and Dillon for the major posts. Nominations will close next Friday, and elections will take place the Friday following.

Labor Aids Body Against Nazism in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Committee to Combat Nazism and anti-Semitism will hold a meeting on Saturday, January 30, at 830 Market St., Rm. 516.

Urged by Dr. Horwitz of the Committee, the San Francisco Central Labor Council will send a delegate and speaker.

democracy, and called on them to stop their attacks on the Spanish People's Front; these appeals, made on a national, state, and local scale, have been ignored by the Socialist Party leadership, influenced by the Trotskyites in their ranks.

In California, the Communist Party has already raised directly \$1500.00, which was sent to Labor's Red Cross for Spain and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy; we helped to raise more than \$10,000 at the huge united front meetings for the Spanish delegation in California, at which the Socialist Party distributed leaflets attacking the Spanish People's Front, in the manner quoted above. We are conducting a campaign, not only for financial and technical aid for Spain, but to mobilize the mass es to protest against German and Italian Fascist intervention, and against the embargo placed by Congress on shipments to the legally-recognized Spanish Government, an embargo which aids the Fascists. At this moment, a delegation of the Communist Party in San Francisco, is facing trial, arrested for picketing the German Nazi consulate in protest against Hitler's invasion of Spain. Where was the Socialist Party leadership all these months, when they were not busy attacking the Spanish People's Front?

And now, the Socialist Party leadership of California, dominated by the Trotskyites, has suddenly awakened and addressed an appeal to the Communist Party for a "united front" on Spain! They rejected all our united front appeals to aid Span-

ish democracy, but while continually attacking the Spanish People's Front, they have made an about-face and, with tongue in cheek, they ask for a "united front!" Such a dishonest maneuver is evidently justified by the theory: "Never let your right hand know what your left hand is doing."

Yes, we do want unity with all honest Socialists and all anti-Fascists. TO DEFEND SPANISH DEMOCRACY AGAINST FASCISM, and to support the fight of the People's Front Government. We have always, and will continue, to work for joint action and a united front with all who are against Fascism and war, for democracy and peace, in America as well as Spain.

But not a united front with those who attack the Spanish People's Front in one breath, and ask for "unity" in the other. Let the Socialist Party repudiate the Trotskyite counter-revolutionary policy, and declare unequivocally, that they will support the fight of the Spanish People's Front Government; that is the only basis on which a united front can be established that will help the Spanish people's cause.

In the words of Earl Browder: "When we call upon the Socialist Party for a united front, we are not proposing any degree of unity whatever with Cannon and the other counter-revolutionary Trotskyites who are daubing the name of the Socialist Party with their reactionary muck. A united front between us and the Socialists is conditional upon a common repudiation of the wrecking work of the Trotskyites."

DRIVE FOR 10,000 SIGNATURES TO PLACE E. BAY ANTI-PICKET LAW ON BALLOT IN APRIL POLL

Petitions Circulated Starting This Week, and Joint Building Trades-Labor Council Committee is Set Up

OAKLAND.—Coincident with the big drive under way across the bay in San Francisco, Alameda County organized labor has started the ball rolling for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinances here.

The campaign is led by the Council. Oakland has been selected as the starting point for the drive to obtain repeal of all anti-picket laws in the county.

Petitions have been drafted and will be circulated beginning this week to compel a referendum on repeal at the Oakland Municipal elections in April. Alameda County Labor is on record for a labor slate in these elections.

Predict 30,000 Signatures
William Spooner, Labor Council secretary, predicted that 30,000 signatures for the petition will be obtained, although only 10,000 are necessary to place repeal on the ballot.

Following the Oakland campaign, other cities will be tackled. Similar anti-picketing ordinances hold force in Berkeley and Alameda, for example. In addition a county anti-picket ordinance forbids picketing in unincorporated areas.

A joint committee of the Labor Council and the Building Trades Council has been set up.

"End Anti-Picket Law"—ILA Pres.

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ed at a time when Big Business was doing everything in its power to get the country to enter into a world war.

"Proposing and working for the adoption of anti-labor class legislation was then the order of the day. Tom Mooney was framed and railroaded to the penitentiary in those days of hysteria.

"By voting YES on this proposition, the anti-picketing ordinance will be wiped off the books. If you are a voter, you must do your duty on March 2. If you have changed your residence, since the last election, you must again register with the registrar of voters at the city hall. You must also do this if you did not register previous to the recent national elections.

"Picketing unfair place of businesses has really been a farce for the past twenty years because of the anti-picketing ordinance—especially the culinary crafts find it difficult and practically ineffective to picket non-union restaurants, etc. If the organized labor movement and also the un-organized workers will use their voting privilege on March 2, this unfair ordinance will be eliminated.

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SAILORS ARE FOR UNITY

SUP and Firemen Meetings Speak

SAN FRANCISCO.—A resolution advising all striking maritime unions to refrain from voting on existing tentative agreements before all other striking unions have negotiated agreements as well has been passed by the Joint Coast Policy Committee.

This action was taken following two special meetings called by the Sailors and Firemen's unions to consider a telephone message from Harry Lundeborg and J. E. Ferguson, now in Washington, advising their respective unions to vote on recently negotiated tentative agreements with the shipowners.

Both Lundeborg and Ferguson had announced that should the vote fail to be taken, certain Congressmen had threatened to withdraw their support to postpone immediate issuance of the Copeland fink discharge book, as well as a danger of government intervention and forced arbitration.

Referred to Policy Committee

Realizing the danger of acting too hastily on such an important matter, the membership attending both special meetings voted to refer the communication to the Policy Committee for consideration and recommendation.

The Policy Committee also recommended that when the time does come to take a coastwise ballot by all unions, and in taking this vote, if one striking group should declare its agreement unfavorable, all other unions pledge themselves to stand united in their support of this union until their agreement is negotiated to satisfy the membership. Such a recommendation is in conformity with the policy of the Maritime Federation, as well as a resolution made by Harry Bridges and seconded by Harry Lundeborg on the night the strike was called.

Speaking before the Sailors' special meeting were delegates from the Joint Strike Committee who advised this procedure. The delegates pointed out that should the membership of any one union take a vote at this time that such action would seriously weaken the position of other crafts who have not as yet obtained an agreement with the shipowners. It would also encourage the shipowners to become even more obstinate in their relations, they advised.

In considering the advice of Lundeborg and Ferguson rank and file speakers pointed out that should the Maritime Federation become weakened through individual action by one union, it would not be long before fink discharge books, loss of hiring halls, and drastic wage cuts would be forced on them as well.

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Farm Co-Op. and Lumber Workers In Reserves Act

SACRAMENTO.—All workers in cooperative farm organizations have been placed under the Unemployment Reserves Act, the Unemployment Reserves Commission has announced.

These employees, except those in clerical work, had previously been left out of the Reserves Act.

Federal Ruling
A similar ruling had been handed down by the Federal government, which has also ruled that forestry and lumber workers are to come under the Act's provisions. This will be applied to California.

Agricultural labor in general is still left out of the Act, and this, together with the fact that employees' pay is taxed along with the employers to raise funds for the insurance reserve, constitute a serious weakness in the Act.

The A.F.L. has announced it will wage a fight to place the tax burden entirely on the employers.

Norman Thomas & Trotsky Attacks

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Particularly I want to publicly call upon Norman Thomas to declare himself in relation to this latest strikebreaking action, which has received the endorsement of the Socialist Call for which he regularly writes. Norman Thomas, do you know what is being done in the name of your Party in California, and do you approve of it?

And while you are looking into these questions, are you familiar with the alliance set up in your name by Vincent Dunne, in Minneapolis, with the worst reactionaries of the labor movement, for the purpose of trying to wreck the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party from within? And are you going to continue to allow such crimes to be committed by Trotskyites in the name of the Socialist Party?

The entire labor movement is entitled to an answer to these questions.

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meeting Tuesday night was to render an informal opinion on the new tentative agreement reached by the Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. with the off-shore shipowners.

No formal referendum of the coast-wise membership will be held, however, until all striking unions have reached tentative agreements and are ready to ballot on them.

The tentative agreement gives the MEBE a \$15 a month wage raise, cash overtime, and adjustment in working conditions.

All operators joined in submitting two alternative proposals to the I.L.A., neither of which the longshoremen could find acceptable.

The shipowners' proposals were:

1. Wages, \$1 per hour straight time; \$1.50 per hour overtime. The employer shall be entitled to relief longshoremen after the performance of the first six hours of work between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The relief longshoremen shall work at straight time up to 5 p.m. In the event of failure of the union to provide relief longshoremen, the employers may continue to work the men up to 5 p.m. at straight time.

2. Wages, 95 cents per hour straight time; \$1.40 per hour overtime. The first six hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. straight time, all other hours overtime.

H. P. Melnikow, a spokesman for the I.L.A. during negotiations, said:

"This is a repudiation of the compromise offer of October 7 and is anything but what we were led to expect."

"We felt when we began the discussion this morning that we were on the verge of agreement, but these terms are not what we expected and are not acceptable."

"The first proposal is definitely impossible."

"We could accept the second proposition if the six-hour day was worked between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., or if the \$1 and \$1.50 rate was paid between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., with the first six hours at the straight time rate. The latter was the wording of the compromise proposal of last October 7."

ANSON FORD RELIEF PROBE SAYS POLITICS INJURING THE JOBLESS; THOSE GUILTY WHITEWASHED

Justifies Transfer of Mothers to Starvation LACRA Dole, and Has Kind Words For Colonel Connelly's Callousness

LOS ANGELES.—That WPA politics are too "hot" for John Anson Ford's Democratic County Committee investigating relief activities in Los Angeles is seen in the committee's statement last week that "petty political favoritism" in city and county government and not Federal laxity is responsible for the "deplorable aspects" of relief administration here.

Originally arising from mass pressure of workers protesting the wanton dismissal of 2,000 mothers from WPA sewing projects, the "investigating" committee found that the transfer of the mothers to the LACRA starvation dole was "justified" because it could be done "with the least suffering."

Committee chairman Ford declared "this is the first time that the facts regarding petty political favoritism, such as emanated from City Hall sources and from other local politicians, has been effectively brought to light."

Ford Whitewashes
The vicious disregard of Colonel Connelly, WPA director in Los Angeles, for the needs and demands of project workers was easily excused by Ford.

"Considering these handicaps, it is remarkable that Colonel Connelly and his staff have received so high a degree of success in the performance of their share of this great relief program," he said.

SRA and county relief budgets were found by the committee to be "too low to provide even the bare necessities of life, preserve health and a reasonable morale."

In ill-concealed attempts to divert public attention from the glaring inadequacies in WPA relief activities in general, the committee emphasized the need for a thorough investigation and reorganization of the Federal Theater Project.

Other charges of the committee were that self-help cooperatives have been neglected and that relief clients should be enabled to earn their way instead of being forced to accept the dole.

The committee further charges a lack of cooperation and support between state and county relief authorities and Federal relief directors.

WPA MARCHES IN WASHINGTON

F. D. Fails to See Them; Ask Relief Increases

WASHINGTON — W. P. A. marchers from 25 states are in Washington, demanding a billion dollar relief appropriation and no slashes in WPA.

A delegation of 10, with David Lasser at the head, called at the White House, but President Roosevelt would not see them. The delegation was received by Roosevelt's secretary, Marvin McIntyre.

Lasser is national secretary of the Workers' Alliance. The marchers demand a 20 per cent increase in WPA wages. A parade of 2500 marched to the Labor Dept. Auditorium.

serves measure and an amended old age pension law setting a minimum of \$50 and lowering the age minimum to 60 years; anti-picketing, anti-injunction, and anti-vigilantism measures; amended workers' compensation act, an amended vagrancy law; a bill to allow use of the public schools for forums; a measure coordinating administration of social service, and other similar measures.

The conference authorized the State Executive Committee to set up a legislative representative at Sacramento whenever finances permit, and chose as that representative, Gaynor of the Railway Clerks' Union.

The State Executive Committee was also called upon to meet at the close of the present legislative session, to consider steps for continuance of the functioning of the apparatus with reference to special elections, referendum measures and municipal and county legislation.

The Communist Party was represented by three observers: William Schneiderman, Lawrence Ross and Eva Shaffran.

Organizations and individuals wishing to cooperate in the work of the State Executive Committee are urged to communicate with the Committee at the Pre-lan Building, 780 Market street, Room 347, San Francisco, for the north; and at 120 North Union Avenue, Los Angeles, for the south.

The conference broke up into trade union, social security, and civil liberties caucuses, which went over the proposed measures and brought them in to the general assembly Sunday for adoption. Among the most important measures adopted were an amended unemployed re-

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THAT HAWAII "RELIEF-SHIP" PROFITEERING

Scheme Exposed As Plan to Make Hay While Sun Shines

By a Sailor
SAN FRANCISCO—Like a cargo of barbed wire shipped to the Eskimos in the '34 strike, the latest dope on the Honolulu "relief ship" turns out to be a nicely planned scheme on the part of an island beer merchant to do a little profiteering now that the source of cooling fluid has been shut off.

Where It Originated
Information is that the "relief ship" idea arose in the mind of a Mr. Miyamoto, a clever Japanese gentleman who in addition to running a wholesale liquor business also "runs" the Democratic Party of Hawaii. So Mr. Miyamoto sent his man Friday, John Wilson, the Honolulu postmaster and leading Democrat up here by Clipper ship on the pretext of getting a relief ship to Honolulu at once.

But Mr. Wilson's scheme has fallen by the wayside. After listing a few items such as rice, milk, sugar and the like, Wilson suggested that some beer might just as well be sent along as well, for ballast, we presume.

On this proposition the Coast Policy Committee contacted the strikers in Honolulu and were notified that there was plenty of food in Honolulu. The only trouble being that the big companies are keeping it in the warehouses so as to raise the prices sky high, profiteering. Latest reports are that Mr. Wilson has gone to Washington to see the president. Judging from the way the Republicans cleaned up in the last elections down Hawaii way, there won't be much sympathy for Mr. Wilson around the White House.

Reduction Men In Condition Demands

SAN FRANCISCO—The following resolution was passed by the Reduction Workers and unanimously adopted by all unions represented aboard the fish reduction boat "Polarine."

To the Master of the Polarine: Whereas: It has been a custom to postpone the hour of sailing from port after regular time has been postponed on the gang-plank, and

Whereas: This procedure is not satisfactory to all concerned and creates misunderstanding between ship's crew and officers. Therefore be it resolved: The sailing date and hour in the future shall be posted on blackboard twenty-four hours prior to leaving dock.

The crew shall be required to be on board one-half hour before sailing.

If the vessel is not ready to sail through no fault of the ship's crew or member thereof within one hour after specified time set for sailing, time shall be postponed not less than twelve hours from previous time set.

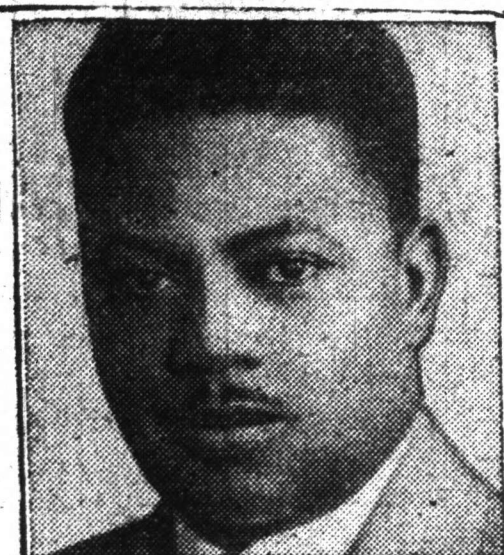
Signed: RAY BRANHAM, Fish Reduction Workers Delegate; Endorsed: Sailors' Delegate; Engineers Delegate; Mates Delegate; Stewards Delegate; Firemen's Delegate.

Sailing Date
This boat has been scheduled to sail at a specified time on several occasions and has failed to actually sail for hours after the men have been gone aboard.

Pay-Day Delay
Pay days are scheduled for the first and fifteenth of each month. But pay has not been received for days after it was due. They send the checks out to the men at sea. But what good does a man's money do him when he is thirty miles out in the Pacific Ocean? The men have demanded that the pay is received on the specified date from now on.

The fish reduction workers union is a very young union but we can see by their recent activities they have learned if they are going to get what is right-

AID STRIKE!



JAMES W. FORD, outstanding Negro Communist leader, who appealed to Negroes to aid the maritime strikers, and not to allow themselves to be used against the strike in any way.

OUR FIGHT!



EARL KING (above), E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner must be freed by a determined labor campaign. These Marine Firemen members haven't flinched in the face of the Ft. Lobos frame-up.

All This Happened On Scabby Vessels

Here are some reports of what happened when scabs manned ships in the East Coast strike. All these occurred within the recent period.

THE AMERICAN TRAVELLER

The scab-manned S. S. "American Traveller" arrived back in the port of New York several days ago. Her return is a miracle, considering the following hazards of the voyage:

Sailing from New York with a scab crew a month ago, she was soon endangered by their ignorance and incompetence. The scabby radio operator assigned to the ship by the R. C. A. could not transmit messages and was unable to obtain any radio bearings to determine the ship's position. He was replaced by a junior engineer, an ex-navy man. For three days the ship was lost, ploughing through heavy seas under dark skies, in total ignorance of her position. Due to the heavy weather, most of the inexperienced crew were laid up with seasickness, and were useless.

In London the third assistant engineer and the chief cook jumped ship, no doubt because they believed she would never make her home port with such a crew. On her return to New York, sixty-five per cent of the scab crew were logged for not turning to in London.

THE EXCAMBION

A scab fireman on the S. S. "Excambion" in New York harbor was ordered to pump the bilges. With a "Yes, Sir!" he flew around opening valves and started a pump. Imagine his surprise when he found that he had emptied a full tank of fuel oil containing 1500 barrels into the harbor!

Aside from being ignorant of the proper valves to open or close, most scabs don't even know how to open or close any valve. Yet shipowners who cry about their responsibility for safety of ships and passengers will hire these dangerous incompetents by the scores!

THE EXETER

The scab-manner S. S. "Exeter" had engine trouble and broke down in the Mediterranean. A salvage vessel had to put out and tow her in to port.

This is a late news flash, and we are not in possession of the full details, but we will bet 10 to 1 that this steam turbine ship broke down as a result of inexperienced scab oilers and engineers.

THE DILLWYN

Carefully censored reports disclose that the scab-manned tanker, S. S. "Dillwyn" had an explosion aboard, in which one scab was killed and another was seriously injured. The greatest secrecy is being kept in regards to this example of the "experienced" scabs being used by the East Coast shipowners in their effort to break the strike.

THE SANTA ELENA

Of course you have heard that the Grace Line's crack luxury liner, "Santa Elena," piled up on the rocks off the Columbian coast near Cartagena a few days ago, and was towed into Cristobal for repairs. This ship, owned by the United States Government and operated by the Grace Lines, is scab-manned.

THE LEBORE

We have previously published an account of the scab-manned S. S. "Lebore" crashing into the Britisher "Thurland Castle" in the raging seas of placid Chesapeake Bay off Sparrow's Point, Md.

THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

Also we printed an item telling of the head-on crash of the "scab-manned" "City of Fort Worth" into a stone jetty in the mountainous swells of the Delaware river at Fort Mifflin, smashing twenty-six bowplates of the vessel. It seems the stubborn stone jetty would not shift to port or starboard to give the scab ship right of way.

THE EVELYN AND THE RICHMOND

The scab-manned Bull Line freighter "Evelyn" and the Standard Oil tanker "Richmond" collided in the Chesapeake area a few days ago. The "Richmond," carrying a full complement of thirty-nine scabs, managed to limp into the port of Baltimore under her own power.

A UNION CREW MEANS SAFETY!

All these disasters due to lack of seamanship of scab crews goes to prove that a Union crew means safety for you. All Union crews are composed of experienced and capable Seamen, Mates, Engineers and Masters.

All scab crews are dangerous both to themselves, the passengers, the safety of ship and cargo, as well as to all other craft in their immediate vicinity.

Nazis Finagle In Chile to Get War Nitrates Supplies

SANTIAGO, Chile—Nazi influence succeeded in getting renewal of the Chilean-German trade agreement, providing importation into Germany of 80,000 tons of Chilean nitrates annually, until June 30, 1938. Nitrates are needed by Hitler for his war preparations.

fully theirs they are going to have to fight for every bit they get. They have learned that they alone can accomplish these things—that the employers are not going to do it for them. Organized labor must stick together if we are going to accomplish anything which is beneficial to us. More power to the Fish Reduction Workers and all other unions combined.

E. Coast Shipowners Comb Farms in Mid-West to Get Scabs

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The following ad is from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of December 20th: "WANTED, SEAMEN AND WIRELESS OPERATORS. American citizens to man American Flag steamers in Coastwise and Foreign Trades. Ex-navy men and others who can qualify as Able Seamen and Wireless Operators. GOOD PAY—GOOD FOOD—GOOD LODGINGS—UNION CONDITIONS. Apply by wire to—LYKES BROS. STEAMSHIP COMPANY, INC., Whitney Bldg., New Orleans."

East Coast shipowners are frantically dragging the farms and the entire country inland in a futile effort to get scab seamen.

LAWYERS SEND LETTER TO F. D. ON FINK BOOK

Urge President to Seriously Take Up Amendments

NEW YORK—The International Juridical Assn., composed of progressive-minded lawyers, has written President Roosevelt to seriously consider the amendments sought by maritime unions to the Copeland Act. The letter follows:

"In view of the 'Report on the Status and Working Conditions of Seamen in the American Merchant Marine' prepared under supervision and submission to the Department of Commerce last spring, the International Juridical Association has received many requests to analyze and comment at greater length upon H.R. 2597, enacted at the last session of Congress, among other things to Amend Section 13 of the Act of March 4, 1915 and 'To Maintain Discipline on Shipboard.' We have given mature consideration to this legislation and have carefully weighed its significance and practical consequences.

What It Will Do

"Such deliberation leads us to the conclusion that it will fail of its avowed purpose to promote greater safety at sea and will, by creating discontent and a feeling of discrimination and injustice among seamen, greatly aggravate the already existing personnel problems of the Merchant Marine. We, therefore, urge that the effective date of this Act be indefinitely postponed, and that legislation amending it be enacted at the forthcoming session of Congress.

Wide Protest

"Widespread protest has been directed particularly against Section 4551 which provides for the issuance of continuous discharge books. We are of the opinion that such protests are well-founded. Seamen are already supplied with ample means of identification in the able seamen and lifeboat certificates which they carry, as well as their passports. Since the discharge book is in no way a certificate of fitness, it cannot be justified as a means of assuring competent crews. Instead it provides a weapon to be used against the seamen who justly fear it as a potential means of destroying their organization."

Lakes Seamen in Fight on Scabbing

CHICAGO, Ill.—Feeling is rising among Lake seamen, members of the ISU, against the scab-herding carried on by their officials against their union brothers on the East Coast.

A small group of Lake men have been trying since the beginning of the scab-herding practice to get a meeting in the headquarters of the Lake District, Chicago, to put a stop to it by a vote of the members.

So far they have failed, because most of the men were out on sand barks and passenger vessels. Now that the season is over, they hope to be able to get enough men to a meeting to warm things up for the scab-herders. Only two Lake ports, they say, are allowing this scabby practice to go on, Cleveland, and Chicago. In Chicago the scabby work is done by a certain Frank Johnson, with Secretary Goshorn's approval. In Cleveland, it is done by the Agent, Sullivan and Oscar Carlson, discredited secretary of the Atlantic Coast Firemen's Union.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

(Note—Seeing Red is run on the maritime strike page this issue because of its application to the strike.)

PICKET LINE LIMERICKS

1
Said Thomas G. Plant, I am frantic
With seamen, West Coast and Atlantic;
I think it's outrageous
That men should want wages
For living a life so romantic.

2
Said Matson, I'm quite an old salt,
Though my seamanship may be at fault;
I cannot tie knots
Nor tell clippers from yachts,
But I salt away profits in vaults.

3
Said Lapham, it's plain to be seen,
I'm the Duke of the Merchant Marine;
Though I'm useless afloat,
And I can't row a boat,
Still I ride in a fine limousine.

4
Said Fleishhacker, tearing his hair,
Higher wage scales are very unfair;
It costs so much less
For a seaman to dress,
Than an up-to-date millionaire.

5
Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, the shipper,
Can't tell the North Star from the Dipper;
He can't even discern
Twixt the stem and the stern,
Yet he draws more dough than the skipper.

6
Colonel Sanborn once took his Red Herring
Out walking to give it an airing;
It had quite a lark
With a stray in the park:
Hence the Trotskyite pups it is bearing.*

7
A scullion, while cleaning the sink,
Was alarmed by a terrible stink;
He pulled out the stopper
And there in the hopper
Was scabby Lee Holman the fink.

8
Mayor Rossi was fond of oration
By means of the broadcasting station;
Said he, they can't very
Well boo or raspberry
Or egg me from this situation.

*Poet Quin might be referring to the "American Citizen" of December 31, which quotes approvingly a red-baiting diatribe by Barney Mayes, former Trotskyite editor of the Voice of the Federation, and then adds: "Barney Mayes' outing is just another victory for 'Red Harry' and his gang and a loss for the strikers."—Ed. Note.

"I Had Lunch at the Honolulu Strikers' Kitchen"—500 Eat

By NANCY BROWN

I had lunch yesterday at the strikers' relief kitchen at Old Saint Louis College.

It was not the kind of lunch that cooks and chefs on strike here in Honolulu are accustomed to serving the ladies and gentlemen who occupy suites on America's finest luxury liners.

But it was lunch—good substantial beef stew—plenty of it and 500 men ate and were satisfied.

The coffee that followed the stew and completed the meal was excellent. "There are few complaints," Chief Carl Frankenstein, told me as he watched his helpmates in the spacious St. Louis kitchen ladle out the stew. "The strike is a serious business. A good union man never complains about the courses on a strike menu. There's enough to eat and that's what counts. By the way we're having salmon salad for dinner tonight. Why not stick around."

Chief Carl is serving at least 1,200 meals every day. Michael Sparks is first cook and Brother Fishback, second cook. Erie Pel-

Boston Sailors Hold on to Hall

BOSTON, Mass.—Striking members of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors' Association here continued to hold the main hall of the union located on the Atlantic, despite the constant presence of police.

The sailors took over the hall last week, although reactionary officials had previously removed the union records.

Oscar Carlson, deposed New York official, arrived here accompanied by Bennett Murphy, shipper's stooge, and former chairman of the Boston strike committee. Murphy was exposed shortly after the beginning of the strike as a police informer.

lis is the shrewd union brother who does the shopping and R. C. Gerard is in charge of the mess-room. The regular kitchen help, scullions and messmen changes from day to day. Seventeen men are on the kitchen force every day. Not a single case of indigestion has been reported to the Marine Medical Officer yet.

MAYOR ROSSI AND GOVERNOR MERRIAM MERRILY PARROT THE WORDS OF "TEAR GAS" PLANT

Pedro Strike Committee Statement, Which We Print Below, Says They Prostitute Public Offices to Employers

An offensive against the maritime strikers has been launched by the shipowners. Within the space of 48 hours, the Mayor of San Francisco and the Governor of California spoke on National Radio broadcasts in vicious, false, and inflammatory attacks on the maritime unions.

Mayor Rossi repeated the much-worn lie that the Maritime Unions are dominated by Harry Bridges. Every union man knows this is a lie, but many of the public do not know it. The Unions have not the money for nationwide publicity, whereas the shipowners are spending millions for this purpose.

Mayor Rossi spoke entirely in behalf of the shipowners and their financial masters. He has always been allied with the reactionary financial powers of California. He has never expressed any sort of liberal view in his life. Like Governor Merriam, he is a corrupt machine politician, and he is openly aligned with the elements that were so overwhelmingly defeated in the national elections on November 3rd.

But although defeated in the political arena, the bankers and industrialists for whom Rossi speaks are carrying on unabatedly on the financial and economic front. Mayor Rossi carries their banner aloft, in this costly radio and newspaper campaign against the strikers on the Pacific waterfronts.

Who "Dominates" the Maritime Unions

First, let us consider the actual statements of Mayor Rossi, in his contribution to the campaign to break the strike. Rossi says that the unions are dominated by Harry Bridges and Joseph Curran, and that the strike is being prolonged by them because of their personal ambitions.

The statement is confusing and misleading. What "ambitions" of anybody could possibly be served by prolonging the strike? Mayor Rossi does not say.

As to "domination of the unions," the structure of the maritime unions is fairly simple. The members of each of the maritime unions assemble in meetings to nominate and elect their representatives. The members meet regularly, almost weekly, to instruct their representatives as to program and policy.

Our union officials are merely representatives elected by the workers in the seven Maritime Unions. Why are they attacked? Are they really attacked for "dictating" to the strikers? Not at all. They are attacked for obeying the instructions of the men who elected them. One of our highly publicized officials has a record for always obeying the instructions of his membership. Some union officials do not have such a record, especially on the Atlantic Coast. Those sort of officials are not being attacked by the shipowners!

We vigorously and bitterly condemn the false and confusing propaganda of the shipowners and their industrial chiefs that any one man is dictating to them.

Governor Merriam Calls for Open Violence

Only a few hours before Mayor Rossi began his broadcast in behalf of the shipowners, another tried and trusted lackey of the financial powers of California had also spoken his piece in their behalf. This was the ultra-reactionary governor of California, Frank Merriam has an

10,000 TANKER MENBACK, HAVE GREAT GAINS

Curran Describes What These East and Gulf Men Won

NEW YORK—Joseph Curran, seamen's strike leader, explains that 10,000 striking tanker seamen returned to work here and along the Gulf ports with big gains.

Crews returned to approximately 450 tankers. Curran stated, under West Coast working conditions, and pay increases. Tanker seamen previously received \$72.50 monthly and will return to work at \$80.

Striking seamen reached a verbal agreement a short time ago with tanker lines, pending a written agreement with the companies at the end of the Atlantic Coast general seamen's strike.

Hiring Halls
The unions, the maritime leader said, will maintain strictly controlled hiring halls, through which they will insist that all crews be hired by the companies.

Striking tanker seamen decided to return to work with the full approval of the Joint Marine Strike Council, which approved the move decided upon last week at a general tanker seamen's conference held in Beaumont, Texas.

Meanwhile, striking seamen here were "pepped up," as one of them put it, as a result of their membership meeting on Thursday night held in Manhattan Lyceum. The meeting was the biggest held since the strike began 73 days ago and demonstrated complete unity in the ranks and at the leadership.

unbroken lifelong record of having voted and acted in every way against the interests of every kind of worker, both organized and unorganized. He voted against all forms of accident compensation legislation for injured workers. Like Rossi, he belongs body and soul to the rich and powerful financial interests of California.

This is the man who comes out with an "appeal" to the public to "take the situation into their own hands."

Governor Merriam and Mayor Rossi, by their past and present actions have forfeited every right to the public respect and prestige which their high office should command.

We appeal to every citizen to seek and avail themselves of true information about the issues of the maritime lockout. We ask that they judge us on that basis only. If this be done, the thousands of maritime workers at present locked out are quite content to rest their case with the public!

DRIVING AHEAD TO GET RELIEF TO THE STRIKING SEAMEN OF SAN PEDRO

LOS ANGELES.—Driving ahead to secure relief aid for over 1100 transient striking seamen, Mrs. Loretta Adams heading a delegation from the Workers' Alliance and E. Backman, chairman of a delegation of 25 members of the Seaman's Union of the East Coast, met Monday, January 11, with Archer Slain, acting head of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration.

Demand Seamen's Relief
"The strike fund as exhausted two weeks ago and the union is in debt for \$2500," declared Backman, demanding that the 800 men of the East Coast Seamen's Union be provided for immediately by relief authorities. "There are many men in San Pedro for whom no relief set-up

is provided," said Mrs. Adams, "and we are not going to permit those men to starve."

"This is an emergency situation and needs immediate remedy," she added.

Slain admitted that something had to be done, but stated that, "there are only two ways to do this: through an act of Congress or through an act of the State legislature."

"When a man is hungry, he can't wait for legislative action," quickly retorted one of the seamen.

Finally Slain agreed to communicate the demands of the Seamen and the Workers' Alliance to Harold Pomeroy, State Relief Administrator and to William Young, head of the Citizens'

Relief Committee. Until he receives a reply from them, Slain said, he could make no answer to the committee. He promised to phone them Wednesday morning.

Condemning the suggestion of Slain that the men be fed in soup kitchens, Mrs. Adams stated, "The Workers' Alliance resents soup-kitchens relief. We demand that these men be paid individual checks—they have a right to individual freedom."

The problem of transient unemployed is particularly acute in San Pedro as there are about 800 members of the Seaman's Union of the East Coast on strike there. In addition to these men, Mrs. Adams estimated that there were at least 300 strikers

in the other unions who would be unable to establish proof of residence in California.

Work With Shipowners
It has been apparent all along that the relief authorities throughout the state have been working hand-in-hand with the shipowners in an attempt to thoroughly deplete the unions' treasuries. Until the militant demand of the single strikers along with the Workers' Alliance became too much for them, local relief heads were following a vicious policy of discrimination by refusing relief aid to any single man on strike.

Now they will try to further hinder the struggle of the maritime workers in their fight for better living wages by refusing

aid to these transient workers and forcing them to become a drag on the other unions.

In this respect, Backman of the East Coast unions declared that "we will not become a drag on the other unions. Unless some action is taken by you Wednesday, we will have to take further action."

"We have had our demands satisfied before by organized protest and we can do it again," he added.

Workers throughout the state must continue to send in letters of protest to State Relief authorities at 741 South Flower Street, demanding that this Merchants' and Manufacturers' support attack against the strikers be stopped immediately.

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People's Campaign Is Launched

WITH THE CLOSE of the California People's Legislative Conference, the campaign for the enactment of the people's bills, and for the defeat of the reactionary measures, must first begin.

On February fourth, the state legislators return home to consider and weigh the various measures up before the Assembly and the Senate. Until March 1st, the theory is, they are supposed to consult their constituents, and be prepared to vote in accordance with the interests of the electors.

This period must be utilized fully by the delegates to the Legislative Conference, who should enlist the aid of all progressive organizations, in forming delegations to visit the legislators, urging them to support the progressive and defeat the reactionary measures.

Trade unions and other organizations which for one reason or another found it impossible to send delegates to the Sacramento conference, are urged to affiliate with the conference now—and send delegates to work with the committees of the conference in the various localities.

It will take a mass campaign to force the legislature to act favorably on these vital people's bills, and only the whole-hearted support of all progressive organizations can guarantee victory.

Blindfolded Liberty

WHEN NEWS first reached the Spanish workers that a shipment of planes, clothing and other supplies had been cleared by the American Government, there was much rejoicing.

"The United States," the Spanish workers said, "is a true friend of democracy; the United States remembers their own 'eyes across the sea' when 12 colonies were fighting for liberty."

But the Spanish workers were due for bitter disillusionment and disappointment. The amendment recently rushed through prohibiting shipment of war material to the Spanish Republic was a distinct slap in the face of democracy, a flagrant violation of those principles for which the torch of Liberty, upraised in New York harbor, is supposed to symbolize.

This direct aid to the Hitler and Mussolini Fascists was hailed with glee by the Nazis and blackshirted Fascists. They interpreted the act as indicative of official American friendliness to Fascism. And how else could they interpret it, in face of the facts?

This stigma on traditional American friendship for the forces of liberty must be wiped out!

We urge all of our readers to communicate with their Congressmen, and demand the repeal of this amendment recently rushed through congress. It makes the so-called neutrality act into an instrument of American alliance with the barbaric Fascist invaders of Democratic Spain!

The Statue of Liberty faces across the sea toward Spain. Until the affront against the forces of democracy is wiped out, until the United States treats the Republic of Spain as a friendly nation—the Statue of Liberty should wear a blindfold, in token of her shame.

Irish-American Fight for Freedom

BRITISH imperialists have learned the costly lesson, over a long number of years, that the Irish are a liberty-loving people, ready to fight heroically for their freedom. The Irish-Americans are carrying forward that gallant tradition.

Under the leadership of Peodar Nunan, teacher and poet, and Pat Quinlan, of the Irish World, a number of prominent Irish-American leaders are starting a nation-wide campaign to aid the struggle of the Spanish workers against Fascism. An eastern regional conference has been called, and will be followed by others in other parts of the country.

Irish-Americans of California are urged to take part in this anti-Fascist campaign. This struggle is not only for the defense of democracy in Spain, but for the defense of the world forces of democracy against Fascism and Fascist threats. A telling blow for the

victory of the Spanish people counts heavily in the struggle of the Irish people against British imperialist domination.

Until the Irish Committee to aid Spanish Democracy begins its first organizational steps in California, Irish-Americans in this state are urged to contact and work with the American League Against War and Fascism, with offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Guard Against Lynch Spirit

WE JOIN the chorus of universal condemnation of the kidnapping and brutal slaying of 10-year-old Charles Matson. It is a particularly revolting crime, and the person or persons responsible should be caught and punished swiftly. But at the same time we warn against the lynch spirit being engendered on all sides. Wherever people discuss this horrible crime, the remark: "They ought to be lynched," is often heard.

There is ample provision in the law for the punishment of kidnapers. We are sure no jury in the United States would hesitate, once presented with the necessary proof against an accused kidnaper, to render a swift verdict of guilty, and we are equally certain that little time will elapse between the rendering of the verdict and the execution of just sentence. But lynch talk is dangerous. It is kidnappers?—and as has happened, labor??—the frame-up tomorrow!

Nowhere is crime as rampant as it is in this country—because nowhere is capitalism so organized and centralized. The goal of the kidnaper, the racketeer, and the Wall Street banker is the same: wealth, as easily and quickly as possible. The banker having certain advantages, does it within the law; the racketeer and kidnaper outside the law. How far removed is the kidnaper of the Matson boy, who murdered for profit, from the du Ponts and the Morgans, who are driving toward war—legalized murder on a grand scale—for profit?

The breeding-ground for crime is capitalism. The capitalist system is the real criminal. In the Soviet Union, where exploitation has been ended and security guaranteed for all—there are no Matson cases.

Build the Heaviest Battalions

IT WAS DUE mainly to the militant, nationwide campaign waged by the Workers' Alliance that President Roosevelt asked for a deficiency appropriation of \$790,000,000 for relief expenditures instead of the \$500,000,000 he first intimated he would request from Congress.

Although the President has asked for this amount—there is still a good chance of putting sufficient pressure on Congress to vote for a still larger appropriation for the period ending July 1st, the beginning of the next fiscal year. The Workers' Alliance calls for an appropriation of \$1,250,000,000 as being the minimum required to maintain adequate relief. Whether or not this full amount can be won depends largely upon the action of the people between now and the date Congress votes on the appropriation.

The battle being waged is between the reactionary Big Business interests and the people of the United States, who re-elected the President on a platform of fighting for the immediate needs of the people. Roosevelt will swerve toward the side which exerts the heaviest pressure.

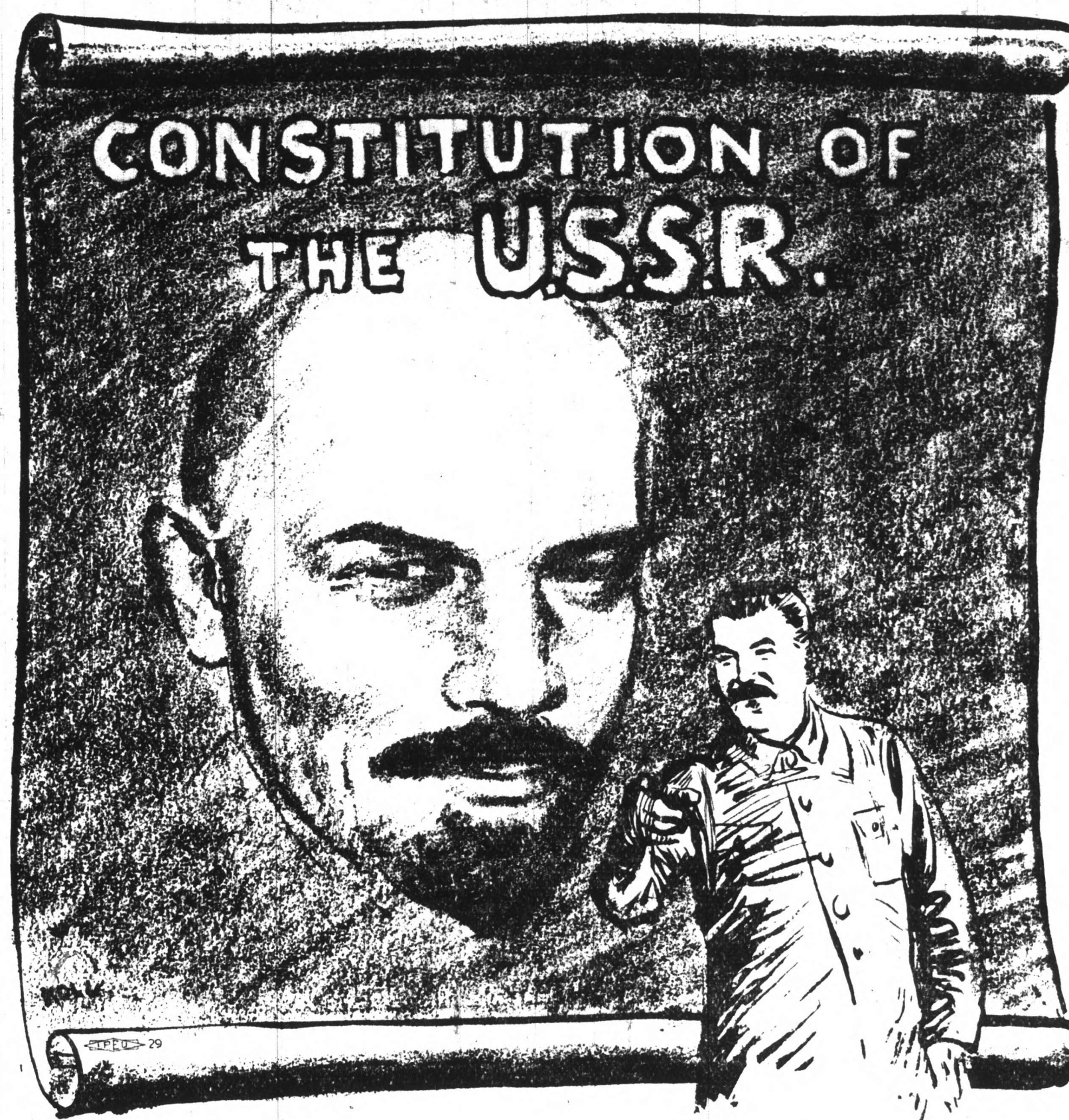
Napoleon once shrewdly observed that: "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions." If the unemployed workers, supported by the employed workers in trade unions and other progressive organizations, put sufficient pressure to bear upon Roosevelt and Congress—an adequate standard of relief can be won.

Glorifying Murder

MUSSLINI says: "Above all, Fascism believes neither in the possibility nor in the utility of perpetual peace. . . War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy, and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it. . . Thus a doctrine which is founded upon this harmful postulate of peace is hostile to Fascism."

Alongside "Il Duce," Al Capone is a pleasant guy!

The Highest Form of Democracy Ever Known



The Communist Parties and The Heritage of Lenin

By TOM PATTERSON

NO DEPARTED leader or exemplary figure is honored in memory whose life and work does not give direction and impulse to those who remain behind.

One who put his imprint on destiny is Vladimir Illych Ulanov, whom we know as Lenin. He was born April 22, 1870, in Simbirsk. He died on January 21, 1924, in Nizni-Novgorod, near Moscow, as the eventual result of an assassin's bullet four years earlier. His works are evident in every country in the world. His works have not stopped.

No one living in America today, whether he likes it or not, can escape the knowledge that the Soviet Union, great liberating reorganizer of humanity, has in itself written the name of Lenin in letters so indelible as never to be erased.

But the path opened by Lenin does not stop at the borders of the Soviet Union, and the name of Lenin is clearly written on the organized struggle of those who toil under the oppression of capitalism and imperialism in every country of the world. The dawn that broke with seeming suddenness over Russia in 1917 casts a bright glow of hope for those struggling against imperialism in the Orient and against Fascism in Spain and France.

Lenin's Work Has Meaning Now

Few living in America today can fail to see that here too the name and genius of Lenin is a part of the current upsurge of the oppressed in whatever form it takes: whether in strike of the maritime workers to alleviate some of the more intolerable abuses inflicted upon them, whether in the growing demands of the farmers against the alarming squeezing out by landlordism marketing monopolies and industrialized farming, whether in the struggle of the landless migratory agricultural workers against Fascist vigilantism, or the campaign of the steel and auto workers for organization, or in the effort of the small business man to maintain his existence in the face of chain stores and banks, or whether in the struggle of all these forces to forge a common front against a common enemy—to all of these the genius and work of Lenin has a special significance.

The people of Spain, fighting against the open attack of Fascism, against capitalism's most ruthless and desperate effort to continue itself, accept to an increasingly large degree the guidance and counsel of Lenin's heritage, the Communist International, as represented by the Communist Party of Spain; and 150,000 Catalonians headed by their president celebrated on mass the anniversary and proclaimed their appreciation of another great heritage of Lenin, the Soviet Union.

It was Karl Marx who first traced with penetrating clarity the process by which capitalism creates this oppression, but it was Lenin in a later and more opportune period who devised the organization to end it and

who gave life to this organization, first in the Bolshevik Party of Russia and later in the Communist International.

Analyzed Imperialist Stage of Capitalism

It was Lenin also who clearly disclosed the trend of capitalism in its highest stage, the stage of imperialism, when monopolies and finance capital are dominant, when increased foreign investments take on a special significance through being used to influence or dominate the countries or colonies in which they are invested, when international trusts begin the division of the world, and when the stronger capitalist nations have completed the division of the territories of the globe among themselves.

It was this cut-throat scramble for colonies and markets that caused the imperialist war of 1914-18. It was the war that increased privation, aroused mass discontent to a greater pitch and weakened the resistance of capitalism to the point where the Russian working class under Lenin's leadership was able to break the chain of imperialism at its weakest link, to seize power and begin the building of a socialist state and industry.

They did not do so unaided. They allied themselves with every political party and every individual who opposed the Czar and the Czarist system and who was willing to fight against it. Having defeated this stronghold reaction only to find themselves still faced with landlords, capitalist factory owners and their puppet politicians, they carried out a second revolution. This time it was a revolution to establish socialism.

They could not have held this power against the invasion of the combined intervention of 14 imperialist nations, who either sent in armies or supported mercenary armies, had it not been for the aid of workers organizing support and protest from all parts of the world.

Even at home they did not fight unaided. They had the support of millions of peasants support of millions of peasants.

In every struggle that the Bolsheviks undertook, Lenin taught them to concentrate against their most reactionary, most formidable enemy. He taught them the united front. He taught them to ally themselves with all possible allies for the moment, even though these allies for the moment were not in favor of Socialism.

A Part of the Fight for Socialism

Lenin knew that this was the way to fight for Socialism. He knew that only Socialism would end hunger, desolation, oppression and war. He knew that, if the masses continued to fight against the most reactionary elements who were causing hunger and war, their own experience would bring them consciously into the fight for Socialism.

Lenin also knew that this would not take place automatically. It had to be organized and guided by the Bolshevik Party, the Communist Party. The members of this party had the

task to be not only the most sincere and energetic fighters and most capable leaders of the working class; they had the task of patiently convincing the masses that capitalism must be overthrown. They had to build the Communist Party, recruiting into it the best elements of the working class, of peasantry and of intellectuals who were not corrupted by the old regime.

They built the Communist Party, they recruited for it, because without it they could never have overthrown either the Czar or the capitalist government that followed him.

The Lenin heritage today is represented first and foremost by the Soviet Union.

This is true not in spite of the international role and significance of Lenin's work and teaching, but because of it.

Where capitalism has produced the terrible fruit of Fascism and the worst form of vile tyranny and war provocation in Germany, Italy and Japan, the Soviet Union is leading the fight of the socialist and all democratic peace forces of the world into united action against the chief menace, against the most reactionary opponents of democracy and the struggle for peace, who are also the bitterest enemies of socialism.

This fight for peace is part of the fight for Socialism. It contributes to the fight for Socialism by concentrating all possible opposition against the most open, direct and dangerous enemies of both peace and Socialism. It draws the democratic forces closer to the open struggle for Socialism which must be carried on at the same time.

Soviets Brought Change in World Lineup

Prior to 1917 the struggle for Socialism was carried on in a world whose chief contradiction was reflected in the cut-throat fight of two great imperialist combinations, one headed by Germany and the other by Great Britain. That situation no longer remains the same.

Today the big contradiction is between the Socialist Soviet Union on the one hand and capitalism in the remaining five-sixths of the world's habitable territory.

But the cut-throat struggle still goes on between groupings of capitalist governments. The international working class, guided by the peace policy of the Soviet Union and aided by the tremendous force of the Soviet Union in international politics, is utilizing every difference that arises between capitalist powers to stop the drive toward war, to defeat the prime menace of Fascism in company with democratic allies, which will further the struggle for Socialism.

Just as Lenin taught the Bolshevik Party and the Russian workers to fight in alliance with all organizations and elements who were willing to fight against this most reactionary oppressors, the teachings of Lenin today guide the workers to lead in the formation of People's Fronts, uniting all people who are opposed to tyranny of Fascism and the war which Fascism is so desperately striving

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Lenin and the Party

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, when the world proletariat lost its guiding genius, Lenin, enemies gloated and friends of the Russian Revolution had fears and misgivings. The capitalist ruling class, which from the first had never given the young Soviet Republic more than a few months to live, revived its predictions of disaster. They hailed every difficulty through which the young giant was passing, in its growing pains, as the signal for the long-awaited catastrophe.

Soviet Russia had just passed through a period of civil war, in which the workers and peasants had to fight off the armies of foreign intervention from without, and the counter-revolutionary remnants of the former ruling class from within. Under the New Economic Policy, she had plunged into the gigantic task of restoring and rebuilding shattered industry and agriculture, clearing the groundwork for the building of Socialism.

The enemy who had loudly predicted that the New Economic Policy meant a "return to capitalism," greeted the news of Lenin's death with revived hopes and prophecies of the failure of the "Bolshevik experiment," the return to capitalism, the fall of the Soviet power, etc.

They said: "Now that the leader is gone, you will see dissension break up the unity of the Bolshevik party, and that is the beginning of the end." But the fond wish that was father to the thought was never realized.

They gleefully greeted, with vain expectations, the struggle which Trotsky renewed against the Bolshevik party after Lenin's death; it was not the first time, for the Bolshevik party under Lenin's and Stalin's leadership was forged and steered in Leninist principles by an unrelenting struggle against Trotskyism. "Trotsky distorts Bolshevism and the history of the revolution," Lenin said. But the Party of Lenin proved itself worthy of its great leader, when it crushingly repudiated Trotsky and Trotskyism, and continued unwaveringly on the Leninist path to the completion of the gigantic task of building of the foundations of a Socialist society, while Trotskyism degenerated to counter-revolution and the use of the Fascist weapon of assassination.

The victory of Socialism was possible because of the magnificent heritage which Lenin left. It was possible because the teachings of Leninism (the theory and practice of Marxism in the epoch of imperialism) live today in the Bolshevik Party which Lenin founded and built (now the Communist Party of the Soviet Union), and in the leadership of Stalin, Lenin's greatest disciple.

Leninism lives in the Communist International, which holds aloft the banner of Lenin in every land, and of which the Communist Party of the U. S. is a proud section. We are proud to be a brother party to that party under whose leadership Socialism is advancing to new triumphs, climaxed by the establishment of the new Soviet Constitution.

At a time when Fascism is raising its ugly head in every capitalist country, when it is beating the war drums and attempting to drown Spain in blood, our Party under the banner of Lenin is forging the People's Front to stem the tide of Fascism and war, to defend democracy and peace, as the most important link, in the present historic moment, for the winning of the masses to Socialism. These great tasks require a strong, mass Bolshevik Party, permeated with the principles of Leninism.

The greatest honor we can do to the memory of Lenin, on the thirteenth anniversary of his death, is to pledge anew to build our party into such a Party, and to learn well the teachings of Lenin.

In concrete terms, this means for every member of the Party to resolve to become a better working-class fighter by enriching and deepening his understanding of Leninism, and by recruiting the best of his fellow-workers into the Communist Party. A strong, mass Party that can effectively mobilize the masses to fight Fascism and war by building an American People's Front, a Farmer Labor Party, will bring nearer the final triumph of Socialism, and is the greatest monument we can build to the memory of Lenin.

ing to provoke.
 Soviets as Leader
 And Exemplar

It is the Soviet Union, then, which leads the fight for peace, the fight for Socialism. But it is also the Soviet Union which furnishes the living example of the overwhelming success of Socialism:

1. Through the growing plenty and increasingly better life for all who toil in the Soviet Union, as contrasted to the growing privation and food shortage under capitalism, especially under Fascism.

2. Through the tremendous enthusiasm generated by the new Soviet constitution and its unprecedented extension of democracy, made possible by the success of Socialist construction under the leadership of Joseph Stalin.

Who are the opponents of the Soviet peace policy, and of the tactics of the peoples' front which strengthens the fight against Fascism and war internationally.

The Fascists are the main opponents. They are the plans that are primarily being stopped. Their opposition is a testimonial to its correctness and effectiveness. They represent the most ruthless and callous form of capitalism.

The Trotskyites are opposed to it. And who are they?

They are a sect which has opposed Leninism from the day of the inception of the Bolshevik Party in its organized form in 1903. They are led by a man named Leon Trotsky whom Lenin found it necessary to denounce again and again throughout his whole leadership of the Bolshevik Party and the Communist International.

They are a sect which denied that Socialism could be built in the Soviet Union until the workers of the entire world had carried out a socialist revolution.

They are a sect which fought the plan of rapid socialist construction in the Soviet Union and attempted to sabotage it after it was started. In doing so, they proved that they were in reality capitalist elements who covered themselves with the label of Communism in order to oppose this socialist construction more effectively.

Defeated, they resort to terrorism

Defeated and expelled from the Communist Parties of the world for refusal to be guided by its democratic majority which follows Leninist policies, isolated from the masses, they turned to counter-revolutionary terror.

Their bitterest hatred, naturally, is directed toward Joseph Stalin whose leadership of socialist construction and whose guidance of the world fight for peace has so thoroughly exposed them as elements hostile to the working class and to the fight for world peace.

They organized the assassination of Sergei Kirov in Leningrad in 1934 and attempted to organize the assassination of Stalin and others in 1935. They stab the Spanish Peoples' front in the back by demanding its dissolution and the separation of the socialist-minded workers of Spain from their allies who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with them against the open invasion of the Fascist cutthroats.

They denounce and defame trusted leaders of the West Coast maritime workers whose leadership has brought tremendous gains to these workers and whose present policies are endorsed again and again whenever the maritime workers meet. Their writings are quoted with approval by the capitalist press, especially the Hearst press, and by the Fascist "American Citizen."

The New York Times, leading organ of finance capital, has devoted columns of publicity space and approving comment on writings and activities of Trotskyites. Known Trotskyites find it easy to assume strategic positions on the editorial staffs of many capitalist papers where a Communist would be fired in a minute if he were unable or unwilling to conceal his convictions.

They are the provocateurs agents of Fascism. Their opposition is further testimony to the correctness and effectiveness of the peace policy of the Soviet Union and the peoples' front movement. In California they have gained the leadership of the Socialist Party, confusing some Socialists into following. (Continued on Page 5)

Two Giants: A Great Teacher and His Greatest Pupil



LENIN is dead, from the bullet of a miserable assassin, but Leninism lives in the inconquerable achievements of the workers who carried out the building of Socialism as he visualized and outlined it. Leninism lives in the struggle against Fascism and war, which is part of the struggle for Socialism internationally. Leninism lives in the brilliant leadership of Lenin's best disciple and successor, Joseph Stalin.

Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxemburg Headed Youth's Peace Fight

By ED. WILSON
JANUARY—1937... A new year for a generation that has

come of age with the doors to industry, education, culture, purposeful living closed to it. This is a generation that looks at the slowly increasing stream of business and feels lost. This is a generation that's never learned a trade for a profession. It's an unskilled locked out generation that must fight if it is to see anything ahead but a search for work, an odd job, a cheap movie, blankness.

That's the view if they're lucky. The gentlemen of the California Bank and Standard Oil are likely to cut the whole thing off short with a war which would very effectively wipe out all problems of the future. If the American Liberty Leaguers are so far undertaking a war only against the maritime unions, steel and auto workers, their foreign brothers are much more aggressive.

The Wealthiest Want Fascism and War

Spain. The people fighting for democracy. The Fascists, Franco and Mola, backed by the wealthiest men in the country, including Carlo March, the tobacco king, using every means to halt progress. Wealthy reactionaries of the whole world, headed by Hitler, most desperate of the Fascists, openly sends in troops and supplies to put down democracy. Hitler strings an illegal blockade of Nazi ships around Loyalist ports, shells Russian ships.

There are two ways for a young person to look at a world like this. One is to give up. The other is to fill an otherwise drab life with as great a purpose as ever motivated any generation: To prevent war and work with

others in building a world of peace, progress, and prosperity—Socialism.

JANUARY, 1937, is the 18th anniversary of the death of two people who filled their lives with that purpose: Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. Liebknecht and Luxemburg left behind two monuments which gave them a very real immortality—the method of fighting war and an organization for young people to fight war with, the Young Communist International.

Liebknecht and Luxemburg, as founders of a realistic and successful youth peace movement, have and are entitled to a place in the American tradition. This is not the first time people of other countries have been honored with such a place. Liebknecht, Lafayette, Voltaire, are in the American history books. It's the contribution to the welfare of the American people that not the place of birth that counts in our system of honoring popular heroes.

He Alone Voted to Oppose the War

Liebknecht is best remembered by the fact that he was the only voice in the German Reichstag that voted "NO" to the request for money to carry on the World War.

He did not merely vote NO. He went out and organized committees of soldiers to oppose the war. At the height of the war, on May Day in 1918, Liebknecht made an anti-war speech to the revolutionary German workers' Spartakus Bund.

For this he was thrown in jail. Even from jail, he carried on his work for peace. Son of Wilhelm Liebknecht, an old friend of Karl Marx and a founder of the German Socialist

movement, Karl was born in 1871. After taking his law degree and practicing a few years, Karl left his profession to devote all his time and energy to the workers' movement for Socialism.

Poland, birthplace in 1870 of Rosa Luxemburg, was under the rule of the Russian Czar. With her whole country suffering terribly under this tyrant, it was only natural that Rosa became a revolutionary as soon as she was old enough to think. When she was 18 she had to run away to Switzerland to finish school. From 1893 to 1898 Rosa Luxemburg helped in the founding of the first Marxian working class party in Poland.

Through the whole Polish labor movement was "super-patriotic" she stood up uncompromisingly for the international brotherhood of labor. When the Russian people revolted for freedom in 1905, Rosa travelled all over Western Europe, bringing an account of their valuable experiences and methods to working men and their organizations.

The Labor Fakery of 1914-18

Even then, the labor movement had its Bill Greens and Paul Scharenbergs.

These European fakery—Karl Kautsky, Edward Bernstein and the Russian Mensheviks in particular—did their work under the cloak of Marxism. They claimed to be socialists. That made them all the more dangerous. But, even though they quoted Marx to the skies, still they ended up in the same old spot, working hand in hand with the capitalists.

In war time the stakes were high. They sold out not one strike, collaborated with the bosses not in one industry; they delivered virtually the whole labor movement over to the capitalists' war. It is to the credit of Rosa Luxemburg that she took the lead in exposing Bernstein and Kautsky to the workers of Europe at a time when these people were the overshadowing and most dangerous enemies of peace.

Came 1915, and the German war lords threw Rosa into prison for her peace activities. Letters and pamphlets came from her cell by scores. Finally, at the end of the war, German labor threw out the Kaiser and opened her prison. She came out to plunge into a whirl of activities connected with organizing the Communist Party of Germany.

She Fought the Biggest Sellout

In 1919 the Socialist revolution of the German workers was put down by those same Social

Actress Fired For Demanding Continued WPA

LOS ANGELES.—On Monday, January 11, Maude Fealy, actress and worker on the Federal Theater Project, spoke at a meeting of the Professional Projects Councils urging organization of project workers. On Wednesday, January 13, Miss Fealy was dismissed for the asserted reason of "lack of cooperation."

Immediately Miss Fealy protested. Four other workers on the project joined her, charging J. Howard Miller, director of the theater projects in 18 western states, with favoritism, irregularities, and waste.

The result was that Charles E. Goranson, agent in charge of the Federal Division of Investigation at San Francisco, arrived in Los Angeles Friday to conduct an investigation.

Invited to Testify
Strictest secrecy is being maintained by Goranson. But it was learned that five telegrams were sent to the five complainants to appear before the investigators Friday afternoon.

For months the theater project has been the scene of numerous disturbances and discriminations. Only a month ago, workers on the project sent a telegram to President Roosevelt charging Director Miller with favoritism. The trouble was climaxed early this week when the Democratic County Central Committee noted the "inefficiency" of the leadership of the project and recommended that a change be made in the officials.

Following the statement of the Democratic County Committee, George Gerwing, state director of the project with offices in Los Angeles, asked for an "impartial investigation" by government authorities.

What She Said

At the meeting of the Professional Projects Councils, two days before she was dismissed, Miss Fealy had said:

"We are organizing to insure the continuance of the WPA. The WPA must be continued to prevent strike, and perhaps, revolution."

During the same meeting, Pat Cullahan, Los Angeles organizer for the Workers' Alliance, showed how it was only through the organization and militant actions of the workers' Alliance that President Roosevelt was forced to issue Bulletin No. 158 giving the right to bargain collectively to the project workers.

Democrats who had supported the war. These "socialist" leaders, Noske, Ebert, Scheidermann, ordered the execution of Liebknecht and Luxemburg. On January 15 these two fighters for peace were shot.

Liebknecht and Luxemburg gave a purpose to the lives of the generation that follow them. Together with Lenin, they hammered out of a mass of pusillifoot or super-patriotic ideas a real path to peace, and they organized what later became the Young Communist International, the organization through which young people are learning how to build a peaceful world.

In 1907 in Stuttgart, Germany, at the congress of the Socialist international, Liebknecht, together with Lenin, overrode the greybeards of the socialist movement and organized the first socialist youth league.

Here is what he wrote: "Young people are the ones who are primarily called upon to give their lives in war. If the struggle against imperialism is to mean anything, those who fight them will have to be organized. . . Our present education aims to begin even in school with training men into war machines with making the school a training ground for war, physically and mentally."

Over and over again Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg showed the young people, "those who fight the wars," that they

Lorine Norman Greets the 'Western' Frameup Victim Tells of Daughter's Birth

Oakland, Jan. 13.
To the Staff and Readers of the Western Worker, Revolutionary Greetings:

I wish to announce I am the proud mother of the most wonderful daughter in the world. She was born January 4. There is nothing wrong with her lungs. She demands food in a very militant manner.

Doctor says I can get out of bed in another week and do a few of the things I have wanted to do for months. There is so much working class activity going on now that it is very hard to be out of it all: Spain, the CIO, Farmer-Labor Party, maritime strike, McNamara, Mooney, membership drive. And especially the C.S. repeal and the Daily and Western Worker drives.

In the last few months when I couldn't do anything else, I learned to read the Daily Worker more regularly than ever before.

fore. It is a wonderful paper and we must have a daily Western Worker as good. I read news in the Daily and two weeks later would see the same thing as a scoop in some capitalist paper.

Meantime my husband, our daughter and I send New Year's greetings to all our friends and comrades.

Comradely,
LORINE NORMAN.
P. S.: Our baby's name is Marjorie Kinz.

Ed. Note: Comrade Norman, one of the victims of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Law frameup, is out of Tehachapi prison on bail, pending a hearing on her appeal. Send letters of greeting to those still in prison: Jack Crane, Martin Wilson and Pat Chambers at San Quentin, and Nora Conklin and Caroline Decker at Tehachapi.

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LENIN MEMORIAL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, TO BE CELEBRATED IN WESTERN WORKER'S DRIVE

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Tulare	50	31.00	62.0
Merced	50	20.00	40.0
San Bernardino	100	37.25	37.2
Los Angeles	5000	1747.74	34.9
Eureka	50	16.00	32.0
Sacramento	150	47.50	31.7
Contra Costa	100	31.71	31.7
Fort Bragg	75	22.10	29.5
San Francisco	3000	701.00	27.7
Nevada	25	6.90	27.6
Stockton	50	12.85	25.7
Alameda	1000	209.22	20.9
San Diego	400	77.10	19.3
Santa Clara	150	24.85	16.6
Fresno	50	3.00	6.0
San Mateo	150	8.35	5.5
Monterey	100	4.75	4.7
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Lenin Heritage

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repelling others by their disruptive tactics.

No label can alter their real identity.

It matters not what label they wear. If the Socialist Party is to regain any large confidence of the masses it must expel this nest of counter-revolutionary disrupters and plotters.

No hypocrisy is too low for them. They talk of sending volunteers to Spain while they denounce and demand the dissolution of the Peoples' Front through which the Spanish workers are carrying on their heroic fight.

Who are they asking these volunteers to fight? What disruption would they attempt when they reach Spain? It is not

must organize for peace. War is undertaken by the wealthy to get new fields for investment and new markets. Just as you fight the rich every day for better conditions—fight against them for peace. And today—by every means possible force our government of the wealthy toward collaboration with the workers' Soviet Union to hold in check the desperate, Fascist countries, who are the main instigators of war.

This is a fight for peace. It is also a fight for Socialism. Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg organized the means to carry on this fight, the Young Communist International.

"I must say," said Lenin, "that the task of the youth in general, and of the Young Communist League in particular, may be summed up in one word—learn. . . but the young generation can learn Communism only by linking every step in its studies with the continuous struggle of the proletarians are waging against the old exploiting system."

In addition, "Young people need the joy and force of life, healthy sport, many sided intellectual interests, learning, studying, inquiring, as far as possible in common. . . young people must enrich themselves with the knowledge of all the wealth created by mankind."

There's something to fight for—peace and socialism. There's an organization that teaches how—the Young Communist League. In January, 1937, the anniversary of their death, tanks, honor and pledges of work to Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxemburg who, dead, give us through the Young Communist International, a life with a purpose.

JEWELRY GIVEN TO SPAIN

LONDON.—As a British nurse wounded in Spain told of the issues at stake, women at a meeting to aid the Spanish medical unit piled wedding rings and jewelry on the platform.

Letters of Readers Must Raise \$1460 Per Week to Drive End

Laud Western Worker

Oswego, Ore.
Dear Friends and Comrades:
I want to see the workers' press continue to live and grow. In enclose \$3 as a contribution to the drive. Comradely yours,
A. K.

Oakland
Says Labor Editor Recommends W. W.

Western Worker:
Enclosed find a check for six months more of your valuable paper. We only wish we could do more as we feel that the Western Worker is a wonderful force in the fight against the powers of Fascism and reaction. . . The editor of the East Bay Labor Journal told the Building Trades Council that they must read the Western Worker to get news of the strike.
C. T.

Wilmington

Dear Comrades:
Please find an enclosed P.O. money order for \$9, three dollars of which to apply on renewal of my subscription and \$6 for two enclosed one-year subs. Best regards to Comrades Ross and Patterson and with the best wishes for the continued success of our paper.
H.V.S.

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Western Worker:
I am sending \$1 donation for Western Worker Newspaper.
Miss M.

Why We Need the Western Worker

Dear Comrades:
Enclosed find \$4—three dollars for a subscription and \$1 donation to the paper. I like the Western Worker fine, but I am sorry to report that my fellow farmers have been stirred up by propaganda until they think the workers are their enemies.

Browder received eight votes in this county of Tehama, of which three were in my precinct that I know of. It took a lot of talking on my part to secure those two additional votes. My hopes have always been with the industrial workers. Comradely,
A. J. K.

Memorials Will Honor Lenin

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front striker will also speak. The banner to the winning section in the recruiting drive, will be awarded. The Royal Hawaiians, Freiheit Gebungs-Verein, and Bernice Mintz, pianist, will provide a musical program.

Los Angeles Memorial
Lawrence Ross, WESTERN WORKER editor, will speak at the Los Angeles memorial meeting in T.V.G. Hall, 936 West Washington Blvd., next Thursday, January 21, 8 p. m. Lou Rosser, Negro youth leader, will also speak, with Betty Gannett, C. P. state educational director, as chairman. A musical program is planned, and the recruiting drive banner will be awarded.

The Oakland meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 8 p. m., at Danish Hall, 164 11th Street. Speaker will be George Maurer, acting C. P. organizer in Alameda County.

San Diego Meeting

Ross will also speak at the San Diego meeting on January 21, 8 p. m.

Under auspices of the WESTERN WORKER and the Cultural Center, a Lenin Memorial dance will be given next Saturday night, January 23, at 230 South Spring St., with the Dixie Melody Kings, a "hot" swing band. Admission is 25 cents.

The Santa Barbara Lenin Memorial Meeting is to be held at the Workers Center, 208 West Canon Perdido, Jan. 23, 8 p. m.

San Diego Paper Fires Guild Man

SAN DIEGO.—L. E. Claypoole, columnist and editorial writer of the San Diego Sun, a Scripps-Howard paper, was fired from his job here last week.

Claypoole, active in progressive and labor circles, was long been under fire of the reactionary forces of this city. The pressure against him increased recently when he undertook the organization of the Newspaper Guild. His notice of discharge came without warning from the Sun's editor, Magner White, and Claypoole's column, Sunside, was abruptly discontinued.

Lenin Memorial Day. Lincoln's Birthday.

These are both fitting occasions to organize special affairs promoting the drive for \$12,000 for the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, \$12,000 that must be raised by March 1st.

Special editions of the Western Worker will honor both of these occasions. Already Lenin Memorial meetings are announced in the four major counties of the state: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego.

Carry the Fight Further
Every city, county or section, large or small, should immediately afterwards prepare to hold banquets, house parties or other affairs in honor of the American Emancipator who led the fight for abolishing chattel slavery in the United States.

Let's have memorial affairs for Lincoln, and the best memorial to Lincoln is the building of a movement to abolish the slavery of the workers and the misery of small farmers, lower middle class and oppressed minorities under capitalism. Support the Workers' Press in memory of Lincoln and Lenin!

Lincoln's birthday is February 12. Organize parties on week-end of the 12th, 13th and 14. Contribute the proceeds toward your quota of the drive for the workers' press.

\$1460 Per Week
Since the last announcement of figures (as of Jan. 9) only \$176.56 has come in, for a total of \$3246.07 up to January 14. A week ago we announced that \$1275 must be averaged for the last seven weeks of the drive in order to complete it as we must complete it.

Now with six weeks remaining the figure has jumped. The average for the last six weeks beginning with this issue must be \$1460. Los Angeles turned in \$125 during the week, but it must still raise \$325. For the next six weeks it must average \$542 per week. San Francisco remained at 701 and must raise \$385 per week for the next six weeks. Alameda County must raise \$132 per week. San Diego County must raise \$55 per week.

More Contributions

Although it doesn't show yet on the tabulation, Bakersfield has finally entered the campaign, having contributed \$4.16. Sonoma County jumped into second place when a second house party by the Cotati Unit netted \$20. Slavonian workers of Salinas sent in \$4.25, the first donation from Monterey County. Five dollars came from Eureka. Contra Costa sent \$12.50. San Diego sent \$25.56. And another section heard from Comrade Beighly from Fallon, Nev., sent in \$6.90, the first from Nevada, or 27 per cent of its \$25 quota.

Spanish Fascist Troops Trapped

driving in an attempt to capture Malaga, important seaport.

Soviets Expose Fake Non-Intervention

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MOSCOW.—"The Soviet government, although it presently does not practice the dispatch of volunteer detachments, does not consider it expedient to adopt unilateral prohibitive measures," stated a note handed the British Ambassador for Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov.

It was explicated the note did not reject the British offer to effect a ban against enlistments in Spain, but pointed out the U. S.S.R. feels such measures now would be futile, unfair and premature, thereby aiding the Spanish Fascists.

"I consider it necessary to point out that in the Soviet government's opinion unilateral, prohibitive measures on the part of some participants in the London committee (on non-intervention) . . . will not only fail to accomplish the desired aim but will result in intervention" in favor of the Fascists, the note said.

Soviet Measures Refused
Litvinov said the Soviet Union had proposed measures for enforcement of non-intervention which did not depend on Spanish Fascists' consent.

"The committee failed to accept these," he said, and "the Soviet government again expresses a wish that the participants to the agreement immediately instruct their agents and ships in Spain to watch for arrival in Spain of volunteers or military contingents and report such cases for publication."

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Most People With Oily Skin, Acne, and Dandruff of the Scalp Can Treat Themselves

Los Angeles, Calif.
December 19, 1936

DEAR Comrade Doctor: I have a very bad case of dandruff of the scalp and acne of the face.

—A. C.

ANSWER.—General hygienic measures are essential; a moderate amount of regular out-door exercise should be taken; a regular daily bowel movements should be obtained; exposure to sunshine, not only to the face but to the body as well for its general effect, is beneficial. Excessive intake of starches and sugars is harmful; therefore the following diet must be rigidly followed: Eat no candy, pastries, pie, cake, cookies, or ice cream. Eat no potatoes, white bread, refined cereals, especially rice and pancakes. Whole wheat bread and vegetables other than potatoes may be eaten. If one limits sweets and starches, one must eat more fats, such as butter, milk and cream, half and half, mayonnaise containing olive oil, etc. Meat, eggs and plenty of vegetables are permissible.

Care of the skin.—The first thing to learn is to leave the skin strictly alone, as regards manipulation of the lesions. Manipulations tends to spread the infection and results in deeper scars. Discard all wash cloths. The soap which you use should be a simple one (Ivory or Palmolive). Fine perfumed soaps or special skin soaps for delicate complexions usually have no merit and may be harmful. The face may be washed several times daily, but the following special procedure should be used at night: Wash the hands thorough in soap and water and then wash the face thoroughly with hot soap solution, using only the hands. Rinse the soap off and douse the face with hot water. Massage the face, taking care not to manipulate the lesions too strongly. This squeezes the oil from the pores, which is removed by hot water and soap. Douse the skin with hot, then cold, water and dry through. Apply local preparation as directed; remove in the morning.

If your acne is mostly pimples use Lotion Alba at night applying it with cotton. If there are not many pimples, a stronger preparation can be used and you should write me about it.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

AIDS DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN FIGHT

Communist Party of Cal. Lists More Donations

MADRID—Short food supplies and a lack of warm clothing for the defenders of Spanish democracy was revealed here today, giving emphasis to the need for more support from international friends of democracy.

Donations of food and clothing are badly needed by the heroic fighters at Madrid, as well as medical supplies to care for the wounded.

Have YOU Helped Spain?

SAN FRANCISCO—Further donations for the aid of the Spanish people were reported last week by the Communist Party of California, which immediately forwards all funds to the North American Committee for Aid of Spanish Democracy in New York City.

The donations were: Previously acknowledged, \$1412.27; Menlo Park, \$6; V. Arnett, Palo Alto, 60 cents; S. F. Bookstore, \$5; Los Angeles County, \$5.25; A Friend, \$1; Fresno, \$3; A Friend, \$10; Dr. X, \$2; total received to date—\$1445.12.

Further donations should be sent to the state headquarters of the Communist Party, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

The funds are being used by the North American Committee to purchase food, warm clothing, and medical supplies for the defenders of Spanish democracy.

They Haven't Read the Hearst Press!



THESE KIDS, children of Red Army men, don't seem to dread Stalin, whom Hearst pictures as a bogey-man. Fact is, they love him, the outstanding leader who steers the Soviet ship toward a completely happy future for Soviet youth.

Italian Soldiers Mutiny Against Order to Fight for Spain Fascists

MILAN—Population of this Italian city is still seething with the news of the sensational revolt some weeks ago of 500 Italian soldiers who mutined against being sent to fight against the Spanish democratic government.

The soldiers were marching through the streets to the station when, getting wind of the fact that they were to be sent to buttress the forces of Fascist General Franco in Spain, they began to shout in unison: "Not to Spain! Not to Spain!"

The troop shipment was halted, and Fascist police and militia arrested a number of them.

BRITAIN STEPS TO SNARE U. S. FOR NEXT WAR

U. S. Industry Helps British Re-Arm, As in 1916

LONDON—The ground work for drawing the United States into the next world war is being promoted by Great Britain, which is systematically involving American industry in its rearmament program, from industry to industry.

British tactic is the same as it was in 1916, when prosperity of American industry was made dependent upon Britain.

A remarkable growth in British orders for American metals and aircrafts came the last three months. Industrial machinery exports to Britain also rose 36 per cent during last October, as compared to October, 1935.

The New York Wall Street Journal comments on the new trend by saying that "Europe is tooling up" for war.

Sunday Worker Issues New Map of Spain

A new map of Spain, showing the areas held by the loyalist Peoples' Front government and by the Fascists, has been printed by the Sunday Worker and is on sale in large numbers through Sunday Worker and Communist Party literature agents.

In a margin, the map is accompanied by information pertinent to the present Fascist invasion, together with photos of Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionaria) and Julio Alvarez del Vayo, foreign minister of Spain.

Like a Vacation!

San Francisco Worker Writes Experiences Working in a Soviet Union Factory

By a San Francisco Fur Worker
KIEV, U.S.S.R.—I am at present in the Soviet Union working in a factory here, together with 4000 workers. Would I have been in San Francisco at present I would be out of work, for the fur season is long over and I would have to wait until enough profitable orders have been received in order to be given a chance to earn my livelihood.

Out here I was given work immediately. There is no unemployment. On the contrary, I was told they could employ all the furriers of San Francisco.

No Straw Bosses! And, strange as it may sound to some American workers, there is no "boss" in our factory to make the lives of the workers miserable, and to grab profits for himself. The factory is managed by a shop committee in conjunction with the management, who are all workers. The workers do whatever necessary to turn out good work, and the administration does whatever possible to satisfy the needs of the workers.

The worker is supreme. I have already had the opportunity to see it. I was initiated as a union member at a shop meeting in the factory club rooms. The workers, freely and with authority, discussed questions pertaining to management and working conditions, instructions given the management to carry out, and certain improvements.

Once in a while while workers to the district attorney of the Soviets comes down to the factory to take up complaints of individual workers, if there are any, and to instruct and advise in legal matters.

Life Never Dull in Soviet Factory Life in the Soviet factory is by no means dull, but is full

of fun, satisfaction, and interest. The factory can be compared to a little city.

There is everything to satisfy the material and cultural needs of the workers—a restaurant, barber shop, baths, medical center, library, club rooms, assembly hall, all kinds of groups for singing, playing, study, for Soviet defense, a school, and of course a swell place for the kids whose mothers are working.

Earnings of the workers are always on the increase. The workers feed and dress well. Life here is improving daily, is becoming more and more cultured and joyous. And if it were not for the threats of the Fascist countries that make imperative defense preparedness, things would be still better.

Nothing Like This in U. S. As for myself, I am no more a foreigner, because foreign workers have equal rights here. There are no Fascists here to threaten me, and one that comes here to work is heartily welcomed by every one. I am secured with a job and will be given a vacation with pay. I will be paid in case of sickness, with free medical care. No worry for old age—the Soviets provide for that, too. My boy is given the best education, and as soon as he is qualified, a position will be waiting for him.

A boss once told me, as an inducement for smaller wages that California is "God's country." I can say at present that the Soviet Union is the workers' country. So long live the Soviet Union; long live the international solidarity of the workers.

—Member of Fur Workers' Union, Local 87, San Francisco.

Demand Citizenship For Filipinos in United States

CHICAGO—Sponsored by Antonio Gonzales, director of the Filipino Community, a campaign has been launched here to win American citizenship for Filipino residents in the U. S. for five or 10 years.

The campaign also moves to lower bars at present preventing Filipinos from joining trade unions.

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HITLER INCITES FASCISTS TO INSURRECTION AGAINST GOVT. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Germany Plots Direct Intervention Into Country to Take It Over Under Cover Of Fascist-Instigated Civil War

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—Hitler is inciting Fascists in this country to launch an insurrection against the government, declares the Prague correspondent for International Press Correspondence.

The correspondent quoted from the manifesto adopted by the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party last October:

"Fascist Germany, which is carrying on a war of intervention in Spain against the lawful government, which is intriguing and plotting in all parts of the world, is preparing to deliver a blow against Czechoslovakia."

The Heinlein Party—Hitler's secret agents in Czechoslovakia—are forming secret shock troops, collecting weapons and preparing for an insurrection and for civil war.

Plots "Another Spain" Civil War "Hitler's plan consists in creating another Spain in the heart of Europe, Czechoslovakia. He wants thereby to create an opportunity for direct intervention in order to destroy democracy in this country, to set up a reactionary Fascist regime and to subjugate Czechoslovakia."

The correspondent continues: "The correctness of this political analysis is confirmed in an alarming manner every day by the policy of the Sudetic German (Heinlein) Party."

"While formerly the Sudetic Germany Party exercised greatest caution and never forgot to insist upon its 'loyalty,' it is now coming forward more and more openly as agent of the Third Reich."

Open Attack Threat "The chief speaker of the Sudetic German Party in the budget committee declared the Sudetic German question can only be solved from the outside; that in the event of a war we shall be only Germans, that Czechoslovakia is not the last word in history."

"That is an open threat of an attack by Hitler on Czechoslovakia."

Citing terrorist activities by the Fascists, the correspondent

\$666 TO SPAIN

AKRON, O.—Over 1000 people contributed \$666 at an enthusiastic mass meeting at which the visiting Spanish youth delegation spoke.

CANADA JOBLESS UP

OTTAWA.—Unemployment increased by 125 in 1936 over the year 1935. Unemployment relief totals are 6 to 8% above 1935.

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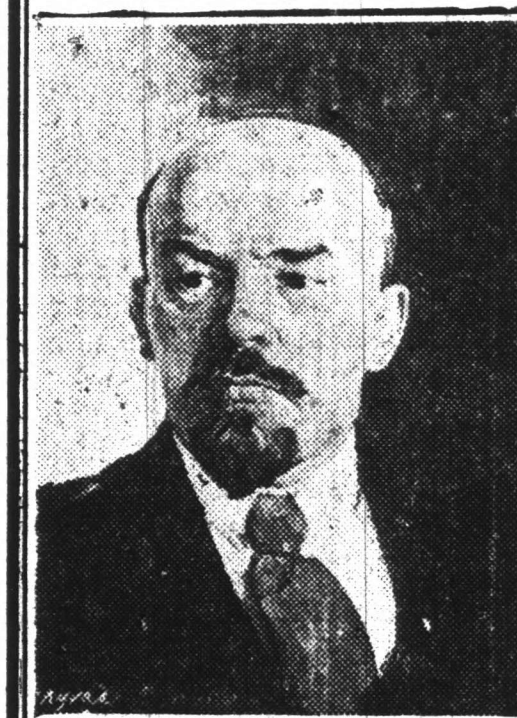
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Pres. Roosevelt's Expedition to South America

By HARRISON GEORGE

With the prestige of an electoral victory of overwhelming "landslide" proportion behind him, President Roosevelt began his trip to Buenos Aires under the most auspicious circumstances.

And he used his advantage to the full. What the outcome may be is yet to be seen when the results of the Inter-American Peace Conference are later reckoned up.

Why F. D. R. Went

The motive of Roosevelt's trip was, of course, to advance and defend the interests of U. S. imperialism. It is his good fortune that the interests of the imperialism for which he speaks can, at this moment, best be served by a policy of peace, of "good neighborship" and democracy.

It would be equally wrong to fail to see this imperialist motive, as it would be not to take some advantage of his championship of peace and democracy to advance the position of the world forces of peace, to improve as much as possible the political and economic conditions of the oppressed Latin American peoples and fortify the forces opposed to Fascism.

The Latin American peoples have had reason enough to hate and fear the imperialist "Colossus of the North." Mexicans still remember that California, Texas and the whole southwestern part of the U. S. was won from Mexico by armed conquest; nor the numerous invasions by U. S. troops and the bombardment of Vera Cruz about 20 years ago.

A New Development The people of Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, know and hate the sight of the bayonets of the U. S. Marines. Not one people south of the Rio Grande but has lived in apprehension of the threat made in 1902 by President Roosevelt, that the U. S. must "have police power over Latin America."

Obviously, something has happened when the Chief Executive of such an imperialist power is greeted by such popular demonstrations of favor as was Roosevelt at every occasion on which he appeared before the Latin American masses. Why and how has this change taken place?

The rapid growth of U. S. investments in Latin America during and after the world war is known. From a much inferior position to that of England, the U. S. advanced its investments from \$1,240,000,000 in 1913 and of this one billion alone in Cuba, to \$1,319,000,000 in 1921. And it held a high proportion and a high level until the onset of the crisis. Then came the blow. And by 1932, U. S. exports to Latin America dropped down-

ward 80 percent, down to \$230,000,000 in that year—lower than in 1913.

The crisis only intensified the rivalry, and it has been a fierce fight for trade ever since. British trade has gained slightly, and only the U. S. meeting England with her own weapon of currency devaluation, has it held its lines, which it has attempted to advance by a number of "reciprocity" treaties. The treaties seem, however, to have had no tangible results except where the country concerned was already subordinated to Wall Street influence.

Wall St.'s Competition

The stronghold of Britain has long been the Argentine, which, when it re-entered the League of Nations, specifically repudiated the League's Article 21, which recognized the Monroe Doctrine. On September 8, 1933, when Cuba was aflame with a popular revolution, Argentina officially notified Washington it would resist any armed intervention by the U. S. A.

Paraguay, always a dependency of Argentina, resisted Standard Oil's Bolivia in its attempt to win a petroleum outlet to tide water through the Chaco and thus brought on the terrible war which raged for years and was only suspended by the exhaustion of both sides and the fear of popular revolution.

The revolution was sidetracked into the feudal-Fascist dictatorship of Franco in Paraguay and Toro in Bolivia. The dispute still smolders in an interminable "peace conference" at Buenos Aires. And it is worth remarking the Inter-American Peace Conference excluded such a vexing (and seemingly insoluble) question from its agenda, on the grounds the present somnolent conference was "working on the question."

Why Special Efforts by F.D.R. But there are new factors which explain the special efforts of the U. S. to make its influence felt in Latin America at this historic moment. These factors are:

(1) The radicalization of the Latin American masses, the growth of the Communist parties and the swelling tide of anti-imperialistic People's Front movements.

(2) The world offensive of Fascism and its rapid penetration of the Latin American countries, seeking both trade and political influence.

As distinguished from the stupid Wall Street spokesmen of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, the wiser Roosevelt administration saw early and clearly that Washington could not dominate the awakening peoples of Latin America with the old policy of gunboats and U. S. Marines.

"Good Neighbor" Policy Roosevelt replaced the policy, or more exactly speaking, the tactic, of the "big stick," with the more gentle tactic of his "good neighbor policy." However hypocritical it is, considering that the bloody dictatorship of Batista in Cuba is the direct responsibility of Washington through its ambassador Jeff-

erson Caffery—the hated Platt Amendment has been officially annulled and armed intervention there as a "right" in law repudiated by Roosevelt.

U. S. armed forces have been withdrawn from Nicaragua and Haiti, and in spite of the fact that the Puerto Rican nation is denied independence, there are no armed forces now, for the first time in many years, occupying Latin American territory.

Heeded Latin American Masses Roosevelt has heeded the rising tide of the masses in Latin America. In spite of the pressure of the Catholic Church and the even more powerful oil and mining investments of Wall St. in Mexico, he has maintained at least the outward form of amicable relations with the government of President Cardenas, whose progressive, anti-Fascist policy has won the support of the Mexican masses.

Roosevelt has seen the over-throw of Dictator Gomez's policy in Venezuela, the passing of power in Colombia to an administration of President Lopez, which is much of the same popular tendency as that of Mexico under Cardenas. The wide sweep of the National Liberation Alliance, headed by the heroic Luis Carlos Prestes in Brazil—however suppressed by dictator Vargas with bloody and brutal violence, has not gone unnoticed. Nor the strong people's front of Chile, a birth of the same movement in Argentina.

Fascism Muscles In The world offensive of Fascism, the second new factor in the old situation, is showing itself in Latin America just as in Europe and the Far East. The unholy trinity, Germany, Japan and Fascist Italy, are busy there.

For some years now, Japan has been sending enormous numbers of immigrants to Latin America, particularly Brazil. Japanese trade missions follow one upon another. Huge concessions are gained and others sought. The government-subsidized corporation, Kaigi-Kogyo, Kabushiki-Kaisha ("K.K.K.K.") has branches in Brazil, Peru, Colombia and Cuba. The seaport of Porto Montt in Southern Brazil is jointly controlled by Japanese and Nazis.

Hitler Horns In

Germany, which has been fighting to regain its war-lost trade, has been gaining by better arrangements. It is tireless in extending its influence. At any hour of day or night, the big Berlin radio stations are directing their propaganda to Latin America in Spanish and Portuguese. Among the large German colonies in many Latin American countries, especially Brazil and Chile, Nazi organization is pressed.

In the southern part of Chile, in Valdivia province, German is more heard than Spanish. The Fascist organization in Chile proudly calls itself "Nazi" and is flagrantly instructed and financed by Hitler.

The Brazilian Fascist organization, the "Integralists," originally organized by Mussolini's

agent, the Italian-Brazilian capitalist Matarazzo, is now, because of better funds from Hitler, the creature of Berlin. In November, one German firm furnished the Integralists with 5000 revolvers. Since dictator Vargas leans strongly upon the Integralists in repression of the workers, Vargas is aligning himself with Hitler and at the present moment has a secret mission in Berlin. An alarming sign to Wall Street must be the report, recently heard, that German exports into Brazil have exceeded those from the U. S. A.

It is not to be forgotten, also, that when sanctions against Italy were the order of the day, Mussolini was liberally supplied by Brazil, Chile and Argentina.

Roosevelt's "Fine" at Buenos Aires It is in this situation that Roosevelt and his Foreign Minister Hull, set sail for South America. And however diplomatically phrased, there can be no doubt as to the line of policy adopted to discharge their mission.

"We cannot countenance aggression; from wheresoever it may come," said Roosevelt at Rio de Janeiro. At the same place, Hull declared: "War anywhere in the world must disturb and threaten peace everywhere," adding that he hoped the conference would "make it more difficult for those few who may be willing to use war as an instrument."

The speeches of Roosevelt and Hull at Buenos Aires were forthright attacks on the forces of Fascism and war, clear calls for democracy and peace—and, of course, the blessed virtues of trade. They verged almost upon offense in their call to Latin American masses, over the heads of numerous feudal-Fascist dictators, to struggle against Fascism, against war, for democracy and a higher standard of living.

The wild mass demonstrations that greeted Roosevelt at Rio and in Buenos Aires, were rebukes to the very dictators who sat beside him. One can imagine with what dismay the bloody Vargas heard the call to the people he terrorizes, whose heroic leader—Prestes—he prepares to murder, to demand a human standard of living, constitutional democratic government and peace.

Warning to War Instigators Argentina's Foreign Minister, Saavedra Lamas, seized the first chance to "explain" why democracy is "impossible," by giving the weird plea that "the American countries will not have these great democracies as long as there are enormous vacant lands."

Secretary Hull's speech was clearly a warning to the Fascist war incendiaries. His sixth point was a scarcely veiled pledge of cooperation against Fascism with the world forces of peace, toned down in view of reactionary hostility in the U. S. against "entangling alliances."

The campaign in the U. S. is led by Hearst, acting consciously as the tool of Hitler. Hitler's

"Volkischer Beobachter," commenting on the conference, urged the point that South America was "tired of Geneva." Vargas earlier had set the Fascist line with a cautious proposal of an "American League of Nations," which he coupled with hostility to Geneva. The "American League" notion, officially proposed by Santa Domingo, seems due to be rejected.

Still "Neutrality" Stand But, though both Roosevelt and Hull verged very near advocating cooperation with the League of Nations, the "Neutrality" proposal, officially made by Hull, approached the reactionary "isolation" stands which the Fascist powers welcome. Indeed, on that point Hull found warm support from Brazil. This negative proposal of "neutrality" was, however, modified by a concurrent proposal of Hull that it should not infringe on existing treaties—that League members be free to discharge their obligations.

It is to be hoped Hearst's demand, "Follow Vargas," is not reflected in Hull's actions in contradiction to his speech, which encouraged the world peace forces to expect cooperation.

Fascist intrigues are busily trying to checkmate any attempts to put the American nations on the side of peaceful powers. League efforts for peace and against the Fascist war inciters. The struggle in the conference turns, in the main, around this issue.

Regarding collective security, Roosevelt went only so far as advocating "mutual consultation" in event of aggression. The Monroe Doctrine did not mention, but implied by his "good neighbor" policy that it was at least for the moment, put on the shelf.

The Fascist groupings in the conference is headed by Brazil, Chile and Peru. As a demonstration that Vargas of Brazil was true to Hitler, Brazil's delegate, Oswaldo Aranha, offensively interrupted Hull's first proposal on a mere question of procedure.

Mexico, at the opening of the conference, declared it would support the aims enunciated by Roosevelt in his speech. Similar action can be expected from Columbia. Indeed these are the reliable forces for peace and democracy within the conference.

Outside the conference, the same forces which organized the People's Peace Conference, which met just prior to the official conference, will intensify their activity.

Roosevelt's words for democracy and peace will aid these forces. But it is upon the initiative and will to struggle of the masses that any advance of world peace forces will depend. As Hull admitted, these are "a strength greater than armies."

It is these peace forces and democratic forces of the wide masses that must be aroused and organized against war and Fascism, whatever the outcome of the Inter-American Conference.

LABOR AND
POLITICS

By John Broman

American diplomats haven't changed, but they're not so frank and outspoken as they once were, due to the increased strength of labor and the revolutionary movement in the United States.

But back in 1919, David R. Francis, Ambassador to the old Czarist Russia, spoke out his opinion in no uncertain terms. Relative to the successful Russian revolution of October, 1917, and the creation of the Soviet Union, he said:

"The basic principle of the Soviet movement is to prevent the exploitation of one man by another. It is obviously an insane conception and does away with all accepted ideas of enjoyment."

"Pleasant guys, these capitalists and their spokesmen! They really do enjoy seeing mass starvation, mass unemployment, murder on a world war scale, because all these result from the profit-system and exploitation. And the abolition of all these things by the triumph of Socialism in the Soviet Union, pains them beyond words to express."

If you want to check this quotation, see Page 2, Column 1, of the San Francisco Chronicle for February 3, 1919. You can find out interesting things by reading old copies of daily newspapers.

Legislation for Washington

In connection with the California People's Legislative Conference which met last week-end in Sacramento, it is of interest to note the program for legislation which the Washington Commonwealth Federation has adopted to push in its State Legislature.

Many bills are almost identical with labor bills for California, such as limiting functions of the Washington state patrol to highway duty, forbidding their use in strikes; repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act of that state; amendment to the workmen's compensation act to care for victims of occupational diseases; a larger old-age pension; and direct election by the people of the state labor relations board, instead of a pointment by the governor, which is particularly sought by the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union.

Other bills being backed by the Washington Commonwealth Federation include a state youth act, setting aside funds to afford jobs and wider educational opportunities for unemployed youth; investigation of high telephone rates; a bill providing for establishment of state-owned gasoline storage plants, to be operated when private distributors charge prices so high as to create exorbitant profits.

The WCF is consistently working toward a Farmer-Labor Party, to provide a real apparatus to fight for the above needs.

Democrats Are Undemocratic

Assignments to important House of Representatives committees were approved last week in Washington, and showed very undemocratic procedure by the vast Democratic Party majority. Farmer-Labor Party congressmen from Minnesota and Progressive Party congressmen from Wisconsin were unfairly discriminated against.

This is very much in line with the efforts of the Roosevelt administration to side-track and sabotage the growing Farmer-Labor Party movement. The way to halt these efforts is to start now in every state in the union to build Farmer-Labor movements, and thereby demonstrate that the movement toward independent political action cannot be sidetracked.

Wall St. and Democrats

As we all know, Wall Street is still in business and in government, despite the licking its candidate, Alf Landon, took last November 3rd. These Fascist-minded geysers are now taking full advantage of their opportunities through the Democratic Party, and these opportunities are not few.

Let's look at three Democratic congressmen, and the anti-democratic bills they have introduced against foreign-born workers:

Rep. Smith, of Virginia, introduced a bill against "criminal aliens" and omitting even provisions the Labor Department favors.

Rep. Dickstein, New York, chairman of the House Immigration Committee, wants to make aliens temporarily in this country deportable "if they promote or disseminate propaganda instigated abroad."

Rep. Sandowski, Michigan, introduced a bill to keep aliens from computing from contiguous countries (Canada, Mexico) to work in the U. S.

These bills, and many others, speak Wall Street's Fascist program against the working people.

CANDY BOSSES
USE STOOLIES
AGAINST UNIONWorker Names Rats;
Union Organized
And Will Stay

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—It is a well known fact among candy workers that some of the bosses in the industry employ a sort of spy system in the shops, so that workers can stool on each other. It is also well in mind that this ratty system was organized by the bosses on the heels of renewed attempts since 1931 by the workers to organize themselves in the candy factories working like slaves, under insanitary and dangerous working conditions.

Proof of Stoolie System
Here is ample proof that this spy-system was organized for no other reason than to prevent the workers from organizing themselves. This spy-system was meant to keep the workers in the candy factories working like slaves, under insanitary and dangerous working conditions.

Most of the candy workers, especially those from the Pacific Coast Candy Company, remember that as soon as we began to talk union, Mr. Wright began to call us into his office one by one and invariably asking us this question: "What's this I hear about a union? About wages? About a strike? Is there anything that you think is wrong with your wages or your work or anybody, why don't you come to me by yourself and tell me about it?"

But if some one was foolish enough to do as he advised, the result was loss of his job, because Mr. Wright enjoys going around the plant bragging about his "cheap help," that \$12.40 per week is plenty for any candy-maker's helper. And if you report that some machine was bad or dangerous, he'd tell you that he, not you, was running the plant. So his advice that "you should report everything to me yourself," was later considered a joke.

Bad "Doings" for Workers
The boss-spy system was organized in earnest at the Pacific Coast Candy Company about a year ago. You remember that one day about five minutes to 12, the floor boss came around telling everybody: "When the 12:30 whistle blows, don't go to work. There is something doing."

This "doing" was a meeting where we were told that a lot of talking was going around about certain parties, that if we had any talking to do, any complaints to make, to go to the office and tell Mr. Wright all about it.

Stoolies Exposed
Mr. Wright evidently elected himself Chief G-Man, with Joe of the nougat department, and Al Caballero of the hard-candy departments as second in command of the stool pigeoning outfit.

Al Caballero is a well known rat. So is Joe of the nougat department.

The system of rats began to bear fruit. One morning the man in the icing room was missing. He was an intelligent, hard working man. He would even work overtime some days without pay. I asked a fellow worker: "What's wrong? Why isn't he here today?"

And the worker replied: "He went to a meeting. I think he was helping to organize a union." So he was fired.

Someone Ratted on Writer
Another case was that of the writer of this article. He was transferred from place to place because Mr. Wright liked his work, said he was a good worker, and his wages so "reasonable."

Yet one morning, when he was needed badly, the head shipping clerk told him:

"I'm sorry, I don't know what is the matter, but Mr. Wright told me not to let you go to work this morning."

Later I found that some one had told the boss I was a red, a unionist, etc. Some one had been red baiting.

Rats Can't Destroy Union

The spy system was organized to keep the candy workers from organizing. It failed. Candy workers have organized into a union. This same spy system of rats is trying to break up the union. It failed to keep it from organizing. It will fail in its attempts to break it.

But the candy workers must keep their eyes open, clean house, expel every rat from their ranks.

DO YOUR BIT!

Every "Western" reader is urged to help out in our \$12,000 financial drive, by collecting funds and sending them to 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Homeward-Bound
From Alaska
CanneriesBy an Alaska Canner
(Continued from Last Issue)

BRISTOL BAY, Alaska.—Arriving there at the Diamond N. N. plant to see our vice-president, Paul Lyons, we were shown around the plant and treated like some East Indian Potentates. We ate dinner there and returned to the Red Salmon Cannery. After a last conference with Jack Barola, our president, we started back for the Union Fish plant, getting back from our jaunt about four in the afternoon.

Toll of the Fire

The roof of the cannery had collapsed after the fire, and the support of the smoke stacks in the boiler room had given way, the stacks leaning over crazily. The piles of cans that had been packed, were continually exploding from the intense heat, with a dull pop. The expensive new machines were a mass of twisted steel. The floors had burned out from under the machines, and they had collapsed to the ground. Everything was a total loss.

The men were established in camp once more. The only thing that saved the camp was distance, and the fact that the wind was blowing from, and not to, the bunkhouses. One of the houses in the other camp had burned down. The wonder is that all the houses in the fishermen's and the mechanics' camps had not gone up in flames.

It was being rumored that we would return to Frisco, after the inspectors for the insurance company had inspected the cause and the extent of the damage. Then a Coast Guard cutter made an appearance, and it was said that, after making an inspection of the fire and Ye Ancient S.S. Glacier which brought us to Alaska, that they condemned the ship as unsafe to transport nearly 500 men. We thought that we would have to await the arrival of a more modern ship to make the return trip. This was not the case.

Ancient "Glacier" Again
The next couple of days, the men turned to, to pull down anything that would jeopardize, making a safe inspection. It was dangerous to walk around among the ruins.

On the morning of the fourth day after the fire, we embarked on the barges once more. About five o'clock that evening, we were aboard the Glacier. As rotten as the ship was, it was with relief that we were able to tread on its decks once more, glad because we were to return to Frisco.

Surely, after an experience like that, it would not be hard to break away from the ties that held us prisoners for the last two months. It would be hard to get sentimental about leaving that bleak, desolate land. Does a man, on leaving prison, get mushy about the rotten food, his cramped cell, and the maddening monotonous days? I don't think!

As though to spite us, the boat did not leave until the next morning. About 10 o'clock in the morning, they raised anchors and swung around, the prow pointing for home. As we steamed by the other vessels, at anchor, they gave us a farewell salute. The vagabond ship of the seas was being given the courtesy due her.

We settled down for the long trip back home.

(To Be Continued)

Sitdowners Pat
In Oil Industry

OKLAHOMA CITY—The sit-down strike, so effectively used in the automobile industry, has spread to the oil refineries of Oklahoma, as a sit-down was called in eight plants of the Empire Oil and Refining Co., seven in the Semole area and the eighth at Tarrant. Union officials stated that approximately 200 determined workers went on regular shifts but refused to work.

At Cushing, another refinery employing 150 workers stood idle, shut down by the officials of the Cushing Refining and Gasoline Co. "because of a shortage of fuel," following a dispute over a contract with the Oil Workers' Union.

Basic issue at stake in the dispute was the 36-hour week which was inaugurated in the gasoline plants under the NRA. The union until recently has been successful in upholding the hour limit setup in 1933.

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TRICKS FAIL TO
STOP EAST BAY
AUTO WORKERSChevrolet Heads Try
"Bait," But Men
Won't Be Fish

By an Auto Worker
OAKLAND—Last week the straw bosses at the Chevrolet plant here went around with a typed petition, which we had to sign, whether we had a choice or not, as there is no secrecy about it.

In rough memory, it reads that the "General Motors Company is very fair towards us and we do not wish to join a union, and we don't want any radical element to dictate to us, as it's just a few that are trying to cause hardships on us and our families; that we are well satisfied, they gave us a nickel raise, and the company has been very good to us."

The Men Will Organize

This has been through each department so it would catch the "slackers."

However, they can't stop us from organizing into the Auto Workers' Union.

A year ago, if you had worked six months with the company, you received a bonus. This year the company made way more profits. They increased it to a year's work to qualify for a bonus.

They Weren't Being "Big Hearted"

The company must have known all these auto strikes were coming on.

Two months and a half ago, we had an open house, every employee bringing his wife and family to go through the plant. They gave each child a couple of pencils, and each wife a compact, and ice cream cones to each one. They put up the powder compacts which, I saw the other day, you can get at Woolworth stores.

A week before Christmas they had an outdoor Christmas tree, instead of us getting our bonus checks during the day.

Made Them Freeze

No—we had to come and stand and freeze to see the Christmas tree, while the superintendent ballyhooed what wonderful slaves we have been for the company, to accomplish such tremendous profits through our cooperation and loyalty.

For the kids they had a lot of worthless toys that weren't even worth the trouble to bring home. Toward the last of the evening, they ran out of toys, such as they were. A lot of poor sad children felt awful that Santa was so helpless, as rich as he is. Just to show you how they try to pacify us.

Wages of Carmen
In East Bay Are
Pegged for Year

OAKLAND—Carmen's Local 192 in the East Bay has just received a new contract with the Key System, and East Bay Railway.

Most of them voted to accept a one-year contract restoring the old basic rate in their classification with a small raise.

The part-time collectors received only a 2½ cent raise and this is being used to the disadvantage of the full-time worker. Whenever and wherever a collector can be used in the place of a full-time man, this is done and the company saves the difference in pay and the full-time man is the goat.

Business Agent Rowen reported at the last union meeting that he had granted (without consulting the union) permission to Anderson, the superintendent, to employ part-time collectors for full-time wherever he found it necessary.

This is at the expense of the brakemen and the full-time workers but few of them realize the implications for them and their union of this money-saving plan of the company.

It is predicted that living expenses will rise greatly during the coming year but this union has voluntarily and thoughtlessly pegged its wages.

OAKLAND

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Lenin Envisioned This



ARMENIA, ONCE A SYMBOL for an oppressed nation, builds its own industry as part of the Soviet Union. Lenin fought for complete freedom and development of national minority peoples.

Laundry Workers
Fight for Rights

By a Laundry Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Laundry Workers' Union, Local 26, which just recently signed a new agreement with the Laundry Owners, is having a strenuous time of it trying to uphold or rather force the bosses in various plants to abide by the new agreement.

The California Laundry (Lou) practically snapped their fingers at the 38-hour minimum week, particularly in the mangle room, but the girls reported to the union with the result that several girls who had worked less than the 38-hour period were paid the full time.

The piece-work system in many departments of several laundries still prevails. However, with the active cooperation of the girls working with our union officials, this also will soon be abolished.

Much has been said in regard to the eight-hour day for women workers in California. We will be glad when the six-hour day for all workers is written into the laws governing industry.

Right Agreement Violations
In our new agreement we are at least trying to uphold the present eight-hour law, by having a clause that "eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all women workers."

This is being violated by some plants. Certain Laundry is one which evidently doesn't like that part of the new agreement.

On several different occasions they have had us work a nine-hour day, even cheating to the extent that one of the office force would punch the clock for us at the eight-hour period, while we went on working for another hour or so. We have worked as long as 10½ hours in the mangle room. When is a stop going to be put to these violations?

Need Shop Delegates

In our by-laws there is a provision for Shop Delegates. This would be good if it was enforced, but unfortunately it is not.

Every laundry whom we have an agreement with, should have a good live committee of three to take up the problems of the workers, and make reports when necessary to the body on the executive board. Then we will know what is going on, and get some action on it.

ASK STEEL PAY RISE
SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Canada.—The Algoma Steel Union, a local with no affiliation, has again demanded a 20 percent wage increase. Wages now are 33½ and 35 cents an hour. The union has 2000 members.

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GOODYEAR WORKERS LEARN
FROM AKRON STRUGGLE TO
GET ORGANIZED INTO UNIONLos Angeles Rubber Workers Are Getting
Set to Fight Speed-up, Low Wages,
Stoolies and Company Unions

By a Rubber Worker

LOS ANGELES—Although the Goodyear Rubber Plant here is long way from Akron, the management had to go all the way back to Ohio to find a newspaper suitable for posting in the California plant. (Willie Hearst and scabby Times, take notice.)

The full page ad in the newspaper asks plaintively, "How Much More Must Akron Lose?" then complains of the "few dissatisfied fools" (the rubber workers) who have caused plants to be built outside of Akron, and winds up with a plea: "Let's stop these sit-down strikes!"

To Set Up Real Union

Copying a page out of the company's book, the workers, too, have gone back to Akron to find out what all the shouting is about, and now the United Rubber Workers of America is preparing to organize Los Angeles as successfully as Akron.

There is already a union in the Goodyear plant here. It's a company union. The "milk-fed" Employees-Employers Joint Conference issues a monthly bulletin on baseball, free soap in the locker rooms, care of horse-shoe pits, etc.

Sentiment for an industrial union affiliated with the CIO is growing strong among the men.

Real Problem to Face

The men are faced by more urgent questions than the "care of horse-shoe pits." They are concerned with the terrific speed-up system with the straight piece-rate reinforced by occasional exhortation from supervisors. They are concerned with pay increases to match the rising cost of living, with extra pay for overtime, and with safer working conditions.

They are becoming convinced that they must have a union of their own to conduct a successful struggle for their just demands.

The workers know that Goodyear does not want its plant unionized, and will do everything possible to prevent labor's progress. Spies and stool pigeons are thick in the plant. Men are afraid to talk union—openly, as yet. But the time is coming when Goodyear will be organized in spite of spies and company unions. Thousands of Goodyear workers are preparing to take their places in the ranks of Los Angeles organized labor.

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The publishers' terms provide for a 40-hour week for all editorial departments, with overtime to be made up by time off within three months.

Editorial workers, however, see a joker in the clause whereby the higher wage boosts apply only to reporters, rewrite and copy desk men with "five years' experience on Los Angeles metropolitan dailies." This clause will eliminate from the top salary brackets many able newspapermen, with wide experience on papers outside the Los Angeles area, who cannot qualify for local experience.

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Vital Labor Laws Proposed by Peoples Sacramento Meet

On this page we print several more of the proposed laws presented at the Peoples Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento January 16 and 17. The most burning problems of protection of organized labor are presented in the proposed bills, published in the last issue and in this issue of the "Western Worker" on the Labor Page.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION

Proposed by Sacto. Peoples Conference Jan. 16 and 17

1. CALIFORNIA PICKETING ACT. Bill Provides: That no city or county may pass or enforce an anti-picketing ordinance directed against peaceful picketing.

Punish Vigilantes
2. ANTI-VIGILANTE ACT. Punishes the type of vigilantism recently condemned at the Sacramento convention of the California State Federation of Labor. Conviction of every member of a group like the Santa Rosa tar and feather party would have been much easier under the proposed act. Bill provides: that not only are acts of vigilantism a crime, but aiding, threatening or inciting vigilantism and membership in a vigilante organization is also punishable. Strong presumptions of guilty are established where the organization distributes masks or disguises, or carries guns. The bill punishes only vigilante terror directed against trade unions.

3. ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL. The act is patterned after the federal anti-injunction law. Bill provides: that injunctions cannot be issued against peaceful picketing. Puts up many safeguards against the hasty or improper issuance of labor injunctions in all other labor cases. Flimsy evidence or vague statements could no longer be sufficient basis for a court order directed to strikers. Heavy bonds must be posted and severe penalties are imposed upon an employer who wrongfully obtains a labor injunction.

4. JURY TRIAL BILL. The extreme injustice of having a striking worker tried by the same judge who issued the labor injunction, prompted the drafting of this bill. Many progressive states have made this change in their laws. Bill provides: that where a worker is charged with violating a labor injunction, he is entitled to a jury trial.

5. "MOONEY CASE" BILL. Retries the legal technicality by which Tom Mooney is held in the penitentiary years after it is discovered that his conviction was based upon perjury. Would apply equally to the "Maddox case." Bill provides: for the elimination of the barbarous common law rule by which courts cannot hear new evidence once a man is sentenced. The more flexible procedure that has operated successfully in European courts is adopted.

6. CIVIL RIGHTS BILLS. Laws now on the statute books make it unlawful to deny accommodation to anyone because of race, color or religion. Bill provides: extension of the laws to include every kind of accommodation or service which is open to the public. Also increases minimum damages to \$250.00 from present \$100.00. Another law added making the unlawful acts a misdemeanor.

7. SPECIAL OFFICER BILL. In the present condition of the law of this State the employer of a special deputy or policeman cannot be held responsible for his acts, no matter how much or what kind of damage he causes. Bill provides: liability on the part of any person or corporation who employs the special deputy or policeman, causes him to be so appointed or supervises him in such capacity.

8. GAS BILLS. (a) Within the past year throughout the

EARS PINNED



WILLIE HEARST has been getting his ears pinned back of late; what with the agreements he has had to sign with the Newspaper Guild. But he's still the country's No. 1 Fascist public enemy. Don't read Hearst papers!

LABOR CONCERN IN NEW BILLS

Some of Those Now Before Congress

WASHINGTON—Included in the first rush of 2500 bills presented on the opening day of Congress are a great many of special interest to labor and agriculture.

Sen. Henry Ashurst (D., Ariz.) chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, has introduced a bill calling for an amendment to the constitution to permit government control of working conditions and federal authority over the problems of agriculture.

Sen. Hugo Black (D., Ala.), has reintroduced his 30-hour week bill and Rep. Wm. Connery (D., Mass.), has introduced the House 30-hour week bill.

Sen. Schwellenbach (D., Wash.), has introduced a measure prohibiting the interstate shipment of goods made by employees working over 30 hours a week or by child labor. Sen. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), has reintroduced his bill calling for the licensing of corporations in interstate commerce with the intent to use the licensing provision to prevent use of child labor and to curb sweat shops.

In the House of Rep. Ellenbogen (D., Pa.), has put forth his bill to provide regulatory measures for the textile industry through the creation of a National Textile Commission with the power to determine hours and rates of pay.

Rep. Marvin Jones (D., Tex.), chairman of the House agricultural committee, is sponsoring a bill designed to curb the growth of farm tenancy.

country, and in California there have been many examples of donations of tear, nauseatin and other gases by industrial establishments to city, county or state authorities. Bill provides: it shall be unlawful for any employee of city, county or state to accept donations of any tear, nauseatin or other gases.

(b) This Bill provides: It shall be unlawful for private persons or public officials to use tear or other gases for the purposes of breaking up or interfering with parades, meetings or picket lines.

9. STRIKEBREAKER BILL. Experience has shown that much strike violence is attributable to the resentment on the part of the community to bringing in of men from other counties, and often other states to take jobs formerly held by men of the Community. Bill provides: that it shall be unlawful to transport men across county lines for the purpose of taking jobs vacated by reason of a labor dispute.

played by the company, and is retroactive to June 1.

In addition, workers fired for union activity are to be rehired and given back pay from the time of their dismissals. Members of the arbitration board included Sec. Victor Olanoff of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Vice-Pres. M. J. Boyle of the IBEW, Mayor John Gray of Urbana, Ill., and representatives of the employers. Board members claimed their decision was the first actual measure taken in this country to balance man-power and labor-saving machinery, while Mayor Gray touted it as the "most important precedent ever established in the battle of men against machines."

AIM AT USE OF DEPUTIES VS. LABOR UNIONS

Peoples Conference Proposes Curbing of Illegal Acts

(AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO THE CIVIL CODE TO BE NUMBERED SECTION 2301, RELATING TO THE LIABILITY OF A NATURAL PERSON OR CORPORATION HIRING, SECURING THE APPOINTMENT OF, OR SUPERVISING A PATROLMAN, POLICEMAN, SHERIFF, OR DEPUTY SHERIFF.)

The people of the State of California do enact as follows: SECTION 1. A new section is added to the Civil Code to be numbered Section 2301 and to read as follows:

Special Officers
SECTION 2301. In all cases where the salary or wages of a policeman, patrolman, special policeman, sheriff or deputy sheriff regularly appointed by order of the state, or of its officers, or of any political subdivision of the state, or any officer of such political subdivision or by any county, city, and county, or city officer thereof are paid in whole or in part by any natural person or corporation other than the state, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation and/or in all cases where such appointment has been made on the application of any natural person or corporation other than the state, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation and/or where the police, policeman, sheriff or deputy sheriff appointed by order of the State, or of its officers, or of any political subdivision of the State, or of any officer of such political subdivision or by any county, city, and county, or city officer thereof acts under the supervision of said natural person or corporation, other than the State, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation, said natural person or corporation, shall for the purpose of this title be deemed an employer of said patrolman, policeman, special policeman, sheriff or deputy sheriff, and shall be responsible for the acts of said policeman, patrolman, special policeman or special patrolman according to the provisions of this title.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers reported a one-hour sit-down strike on the Broadway Tunnel job, scene of many labor disputes, had won 15 cents an hour more for miners and 10 cents an hour increase for truck tenders. This increase, they said, does not bring wages up to the union scale, but is considered an encouraging gain.

Shasta Mine Union Gets Things Done
FRESNO—Demands won by the militant workers of Shasta Local No. 260, I.U.M.S.W., include a closed shop and a union managed hiring hall. Extracts of the contract signed by S. A. Meisner, president of the Local, and W.D. Smith for Dixon, Case and Bent, general contractors, and witnessed by Walter G. Mathewson, U.S. Commissioner of Conciliation, follows:

Terms of Adjustment
"Terms of adjustment of controversy between mine, mill and Smelter Workers Union, Shasta Local No. 260, and Dixon Case and Bent, general contractors on Central Valley Project, Kennett division."

"In order that a mutual understanding may be had and the work on the above project proceed without friction of any kind the contractors agree that there shall be no discrimination against members of the miners' union."

"That approximately sixteen men who claim to have been discharged for union activity or for wearing their union button on the job will be re-employed or given an opportunity for re-employment. The time for these men to report for work will be arranged to the satisfaction of the contractor and the miners' union."

"All additional calls for workers will be made by the miners' union and the men cleared through the National Employment Service."

When it becomes necessary to lay off workers those who are not members of the miners' union will be laid off first and re-employment workers members of the miners' union will be re-employed."

MINN. LOGGERS STRIKE
DULUTH.—Three thousands loggers are on strike in Northern Minnesota, for increased wages. The biggest camps are affected.

LEADS SIT-DOWNS



GLENN MCCABE, president of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, a CIO affiliate, whose union is leading over 15,000 workers in sit-down strikes.

NOTES ON EAST BAY UNIONS

Drive to Organize Hotel Industry

OAKLAND—As an outcome of a dispute between the Culinary Workers and the management of the Hotel Leamington, a meeting was held with the East Bay Hotel Owners' Association last week at which steps were to be taken for the organization of all East Bay hotel employees, Spooner declared.

Metal Trades Unite
Moulders, polishers, mounters and others in the metal trades have banded together into an association to prevent sales of stoves of non-union manufacture in the East Bay, it was announced. Mass picketing may be resorted to at the retail Montgomery-Ward stores and other places selling scab stoves, it was stated.

Steel Labor Calls On Perkins to Act
CHICAGO—No more stalling on the Patterson case is the demand wired to Secy. of Labor Perkins by unanimous vote of the Employe Representative Body of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. Dec. 29 at the South Works plant in South Chicago.

George Patterson, employee representative, was suspended and then fired early last fall by the company for union activity and he is still out of his job while government bodies fool around with the case placed in their hands. Perkins was sent a telegraphic summary of the case and a lively jab in the concluding words: "Respectfully request an early and favorable decision."

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Under Law Proposed By Sacto. Peoples' Conference

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows: SECTION 1. Section 178 is hereby added to the Penal Code to read as follows:

Hit Discrimination

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East Bay Labor on the March



HAVE YOU been noticing the amount of news we've been printing, showing the growing progressive swing of the Alameda County Labor movement lately? East Bay unions are now behind the move for a Labor slate in the coming elections. This marcher in East Bay's Labor Day parade knew what he was talking about last September!

Bay Drive on Gen'l Motors Gets Going

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—"General Motors have been dictators for a great number of years," Edward Hall, vice-president International Union Automobile Workers of America, said in an interview. "Now it is time labor dictated the conditions under which it is to work."

Called for the purpose of delivering the final message to auto workers before their scheduled walkout, the meeting at Oakland Auditorium, Sunday, Jan. 10, was addressed by executives from a score of crafts who pledged solidarity and support from their organizations. Significant of the trend of organization in the ranks of the intellectuals was the presence on the platform of Victor Jewett, American Federation of Teachers.

John Wolters, vice-president Oakland Typographical Union and militant leader in the Central Labor Council, stressed the point that there is only one and effective way of organizing, and that is the industrial way—the of CIO.

Wolters called for independent political action of labor as the only means to achieve free and unhampered organization. "In the past," Wolters stated, "labor, as represented by the AFL, the sleeping-giant, was impotent, voting for the best horse thief." Now the giant is stirring. Wolters concluded, and labor is going to take over the reins of government.

Baltrum Applauded
Sonia Baltrum, International Organizer of the United Textile Workers, announced proudly that the charter granted her organization this year is an industrial charter. Her statement that the United Textile Workers of America endorsed action for a Farmer-Labor Party was warmly applauded.

"Don't believe everything you read in the daily papers," C. R. Risley, Business Representative District Council of Carpenters told the auto workers. "If you think your conditions need bettering, organize and get it!"

A minority of workers are organized, Risley stated, "and that minority has brought what im-

provements you have. Why not make that minority the majority!" Risley continued.

Contra Costa County, neighbor to Alameda County, is known as British Acre, its labor and political policies being dictated by a known vigilante who openly boasts of his affiliations with the British Army. This was revealed by Pat Lydon, CIO organizer.

Among other revolting conditions, Lydon revealed that Cowell Cement Works of Contra Costa County work their laborers side by side, with probationary prisoners, and that the terms of these prisoners depend upon the "generosity" of Cowell Cement Works employers! "Unless we organize completely and organize now," Lydon continued, "civilization is doomed." Reference to the decrepit state of civilization in Germany and Italy, was made.

Warren Denton, Pres. I.L.A. 38-44 Warehousemen said that the time will come when the organized workers will be looked upon as enemies. In the Soviet Union this stage has already been reached.

"The public is becoming more labor minded," Denton concluded. "And as this comes about, defeat of the employer becomes easier."

Edward Hall alluded to Dearborn, Michigan, as the "reign of terror." Ford's spy system is more elaborate than the Dept. of Justice, he said. Two sets of spies function, one checking up on the other. "They cannot even trust each other."

George Roberts, militant international Representative of the United Rubber Workers, showed that auto and steel workers were both exploited in the same manner and must fight the same battles.

"Workers actually go insane

C. I. O. LEADER TELLS CONTRA COSTA GAINS

Lydon Talks on Drive To Organize the Unorganized

MARTINEZ—Delegate Savage of the Chemical Workers Union reported to the recent Central Labor Council meeting that his union has an agreement with the Great Western Chemical Co. with every worker in the plant a member of the union. The plant is in Pittsburg.

After hearing D. G. Ryan, I.L.A. member from Crockett, the Council went on record to give I.L.A. speakers credentials allowing them to contact the Contra Costa County unions for financial aid to the maritime strike.

Lydon Reports Progress

Pat Lydon, assistant organizer of the council and CIO organizer, made a report on the progress that is being made in organization of the unorganized. He told of the work being done to organize the workers in the fish reduction plants in the county, and of the hope that the council would back them in their campaign of organization in the county.

Fred Allen, an organizer of the Fish Reduction Workers, No. 20249, and C. W. Post of the MPOW, both made talks; and the council went on record as in favor of Local No. 20249 and that no other request for a charter be recognized.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the council employ their secretary, Miss Viola Cox, on a full time basis, the same to take effect on February first.

Watson's Threats Fail
Rowland Watson, state AFL organizer, who took Mike Casey's place threatened that if the Council endorsed the CIO drive to organize steel some charters might be jerked. Lydon pointed out that the Labor Councils in Redding and Vallejo had endorsed the steel drive and no charters had been jerked. The Contra Costa Council didn't go for Watson's line of talk.

Arizona Copper Men Win Third Increase Within Six Months

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Major copper producers announced today approximately 9000 Arizona miners would receive 5 per cent wage increases February 1.

from speed-up" Roberts told the audience, and continued, "Organization eliminates this hazard."

CIO is not going to stop until every vestige of speed-up, insecurity and low wages are eliminated, Roberts concluded.

As to Labor Spies
The stool pigeons of General Motors and Ford came in for their share of "consideration."

"If the stool pigeon is not careful," Edward Hall said, "He is going for a long trip with people walking slowly behind him, but he won't know it!"

The stool pigeon, slimy creature," Roberts defined him. And in culmination of this militant, determined stand by auto workers, 1000 voices were raised in oral agreement to circle the Oakland Chevrolet plant, not stopping until Alfred P. Sloan, President General Motors, changes his attitude toward his workers.

ORGANIZING THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN BAY AREA

By S. BALTRUM
United Textile Workers' Union International Organizer

Reading about the tremendous success of the CIO committee has in organizing mass production plants in the east and mid-west, such as steel, rubber and now auto, we must not lose sight of the fact that textile, especially cotton and rayon, is in for an intensive organizational campaign.

Throughout the United States there are over one million textile workers, yet less than one hundred thousand are organized into the United Textile Workers' Union.

Textile, especially rayon and cotton plants, can be called a war industry as they use chemicals, therefore, these factories can be converted overnight into manufacturing war gases and materials.

This Union is one of ten suspended by the American Federation of Labor executive council because it believes in organizing mass production plants.

All in Eight Months

Until last May here in the Bay Area, textile workers were not organized. Since then a strong local has been built in Oakland in the California Cotton Mills (over three hundred workers) and another in San Francisco was organized last September with a present membership of over six hundred, making a total membership of over one thousand in less than eight months' time.

With a little more of an intensive campaign this can easily be doubled, as there are knitting plants, cordage and many other small weaving mills in this area.

The workers are ready for or-

ganization, they are ready to fight for better conditions and want to bring unions of their own choosing into these plants for the purpose of collective bargaining.

The United Textile Workers' Union has been recognized as collective bargaining agent through its four months' strike in the California Cotton Mills. Now 500 bag workers in San Francisco are on strike for over two months to maintain their Union within the plants, and aim to better their condition within them. They are holding our well and intend to win.

The United Textile Workers' Union in the Bay Area greets its fellow workers who have started an organizing campaign in steel, rubber and auto plants in California. We know from experience that organization can be obtained.

MACHINES WON'T MEAN LAYOFFS

CHICAGO—The Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ended a 7th-month dispute with the Illinois Power and Light Co. when a joint arbitration board handed down a "precedent-breaking" decision that in cases where labor-displacing machinery is installed working hours must be cut to provide extra employment.

The company operates in the central part of Illinois. Terms of the agreement, signed by the union and the Utility Operators Assn., call for \$40-a-month pay raises for linemen and 18 1/2 cents an hour increases for laborers, bringing their pay to 62 1/2 cents an hour. The decision affects 1,200 men em-

ployed by the company, and is retroactive to June 1.

In addition, workers fired for union activity are to be rehired and given back pay from the time of their dismissals. Members of the arbitration board included Sec. Victor Olanoff of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Vice-Pres. M. J. Boyle of the IBEW, Mayor John Gray of Urbana, Ill., and representatives of the employers. Board members claimed their decision was the first actual measure taken in this country to balance man-power and labor-saving machinery, while Mayor Gray touted it as the "most important precedent ever established in the battle of men against machines."